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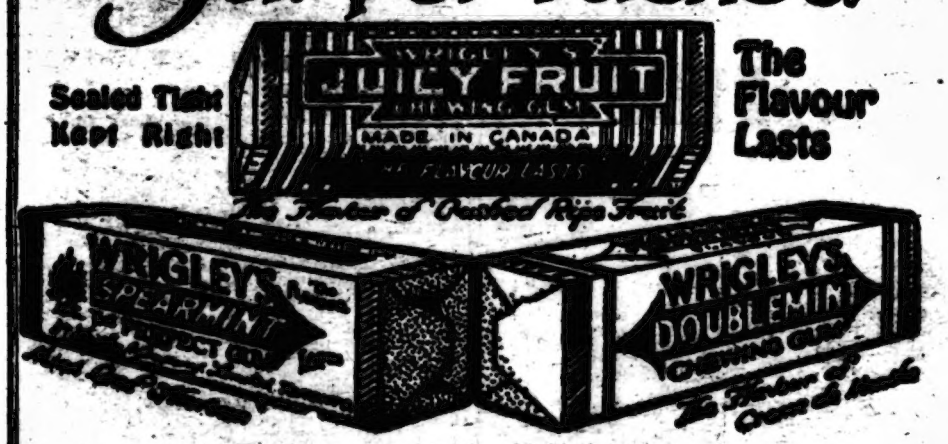

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"THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL."

[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]

War Wealth Tax.

We have no faith in this scheme—which is even more unjust than the Excess Profits Duty. It is the Spendthrift's Charter—and it will produce very little.

Ireland.

What *is* the use of proceeding further with the Government Home Rule Bill? Nobody wants it, and, should it ever get upon the Statute Book, it will be an absolutely dead letter.

That By-election Scandal.

Members of Parliament are asking when the Government Whips propose to take steps to clear themselves of our accusation of deliberately jerrymandering the Stockport by-election. But what do *they* care?

Empire Day.

Don't forget that Monday next is Empire Day, and let us all make a point of celebrating it. Every public building should fly the Union Jack, every church St. George's flag, and the nation generally should show its pride of Empire.

The Divorce Bill.

Recent events have greatly whetted the appetite of Members of the House of Commons in connection with the Divorce Bill which will shortly come down from the Lords. We shall have one or two searching amendments of our own to propose.

At the Next Census.

That was an excellent suggestion made by one of our correspondents, that the next census papers should be utilised for obtaining the views of the people on various matters of public interest, in addition to the ordinary information required. What about such simple questions as, Are you in favour of Premium Bonds, or of Prohibition?

Our Budget Speech.

Whilst the bulk of the Party Press studiously ignored our contribution to the Budget Debate, the *Times* was good enough to say that it was "classic in form, like all our speeches, and was quite the best of the avowedly hostile speeches made against the Finance Bill"—adding that it was "a strange mixture of dignity and triviality, of sound, shrewd sense, and of the finance that has romantic casements opening on perilous seas forlorn." The *Daily Chronicle* was equally kind, describing it as "full of cleverness, abounding in apt alliteration." We *are* getting on!

Kitchener's Army.

Why not a medallion, with a bust of "K. of K." on it, for every man who served overseas with Kitchener's Army in 1915-1916?

Derby Sweepstakes.

There will be very few of these this year, and consequently the tickets of all private "Sweeps", such as those of the Victory Club—of which we are President—the Stock Exchange, the Calcutta Club, etc., are already at a premium. And yet the Government fights shy of Premium Bonds!

The Cenotaph.

We take it for granted that when the new monument is completed, steps will be taken to see that no sectarian preaching or propaganda, or any other disturbing element, is permitted in the vicinity, and that visitors will be left unmolested to meditate or pray as they may feel disposed.

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Gilt-edged Securities.

When will the Chancellor of the Exchequer seriously grapple, not only with the heavy fall in the price of all War Stocks, but the terrible plight of small investors whose money was put into Consols when they stood at double the present quotation, and who receive only the ridiculous interest of 2½ per cent.?

Politicians First.

Several officers complain that, whereas Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Asquith have promptly received the war medals awarded to them by the King, *they* have so far nothing but strips of ribbon to indicate the distinctions to which they are entitled by virtue of service in face of the enemy.

A Happy Land.

"You have no conception of the sudden change which has been brought about here, and everywhere else in America, by the rigid prohibition of alcohol. Hotels and clubs are like dead-houses, places of amusement are closing down, and even better-class people are being sent to prison for buying the poison now secretly sold as whisky." Thus writes our friend Harry de Windt, the famous explorer, who at present is in Los Angeles.

Rotterdam Rot.

Who can really tell us why the Passport Control Office at Rotterdam, which was run by the Consulate throughout the war, has now been transferred by the Government to a separate institution at a cost of several thousands a year to the taxpayer. What is the Vice-Consul doing?

Industrial Assurance.

We are anxiously awaiting the official reply of the big Industrial Assurance Companies and Societies to the Report of the Board of Trade Committee, upon which we have already commented. Feeling strongly, as we naturally do, upon this great social question, we are desirous of hearing both sides before pronouncing final judgment.

St. Stephen's.

Why is it, we are often asked, that the House of Commons takes St. Stephen as its Patron Saint? We believe the official explanation is that, before the Palace of Westminster was destroyed by fire, it was customary for the Lower House to sit in St. Stephen's Chapel. But may it not also be due to the fact that St. Stephen is the Patron Saint of Vienna?

Premium Bonds.

We think we observed signs of melting on the part of the Chancellor of the Exchequer when, in our Budget speech, we predicted that Premium Bonds would have to come. Meanwhile, readers who wish to participate in this unique form of investment should join the Thrift Prize Bond Club, whose offices are at 10, Rue du Quatre Septembre, Paris.

The *Deutschland* at Ramsgate.

The *Deutschland* has now left the Thames for Ramsgate, where she will be on view on and after Thursday of this week until further notice. The opening ceremony will be performed by the Mayor, supported by ourselves, and the town is agog with excitement—which is equally felt in the neighbouring towns of Margate and Broadstairs, where, for tidal reasons, the vessel cannot be moored.

London-Paris Telephone.

Many of our readers will be surprised to hear that when, after considerable waiting, a London subscriber succeeds in getting on to Paris, that exchange declines to connect him with the required number if it happens to be engaged in a local call at the time—whereas in England a trunk call always takes precedence of everything else. We must have a word with Mr. Illingworth upon the subject.

Local Limerick.

(Councillor Keenor, of Bermondsey, has resigned because, in his opinion, the meetings of the Council are disgraceful—and a waste of time.)

There once was a fellow called Keenor,
Who resented his colleagues' demeanour;
As they gassed in debate,
Or were slack and irate,
He left 'em to seek ways serener.

In Abeyance.

The National Registration Order has been in abeyance since the Armistice, but the public is mostly unaware of the fact. The Registration offices all over the country were notified, and were informed that the staffs were to be discharged except one clerk, who was to remain pending further instructions. No such instructions have been sent out, so, certainly since early in 1919, one clerk in every office has been paid for doing nothing. Economy!

A Voice from the Past.

Sidney Smith, Dean of St. Paul's, had things to say, in the *Edinburgh Review* of 1819, about the "pussyfoots" of his day. Among them, these: "... absurd canting about the consumption of spirits. We believe the best plan is to let people drink what they like, and wear what they like; to make no sumptuary laws either for the belly or the back. ... Laws against them ... are made by men who can change a wet coat for a dry one." The witty Dean is still quite up to date.

A Soldier's Grave.

Although the Imperial War Graves Commission employs some 800 officials abroad, a reader who last May appealed to it, giving the name of the German town in which his son died as a prisoner of war, had eleven months later received no details, despite the fact that the Mayor of the town within a few weeks of receiving an inquiry was able to forward the fullest particulars and photographs. What is the work of the Commission costing?

"Sack the Lot."

All Government cleaners, caretakers and night watchmen—outside the Post Office—are by way of receiving official notice to quit as a preliminary to their attention being drawn to a revised scale of pay if they are desirous of re-engagement. The genius who has conceived this new sack-the-lot scheme has started economising, not with ornamental deadheads, but with a number of poor creatures, male and female, without a Union to protect them. The actual effect is to dock them 5s. 5d. a week—£2 12s. 7d. as against £2 18s.

How the Money Goes.

In view of our frequent revelations, no reader will have felt much surprise at the official announcement that there is a deficiency of one hundred million pounds on the Shipping Ministry. As an additional instance of the incapacity and prodigality which have distinguished this Department may be cited the case of the s.s. *Australind*, an 8,000-ton vessel which, after lying idle for six weeks in Cowes Roads—with steam up—was ordered to Southampton Docks to load fourteen tons of galvanised iron. This infinitesimal cargo was discharged at Havre, and the vessel returned in ballast to resume her anchorage off the Isle of Wight. And she consumes eighty tons of coal a day!

"Wake Up, England!"

So the Chinese are cancelling most of the German railway concessions. As one of China's greatest needs to-day is more railways, some excellent opportunities for British enterprise must be offering unless the Americans or Japanese get in first.

Pay—and "Allowances."

Although "W.A.A.C.s" and similar women's war organisations have officially ceased to exist, women are still being employed in the Rhine Area to take the place of demobilised men, including those demobilised against their will. Their pay is £2 2s. a week, with a daily allowance of 15s. At the risk of appearing ungallant, we suggest that these ladies are not worth seven guineas a week.

"Starving the Superannuated."

It appears that we greatly understated the grievance of the superannuated railway clerks when we mentioned that many were in receipt of less than £3 a week. Many of them struggle to exist on £2 a week and less. And some superannuated railway men of other grades are insulted with a weekly pension of about 10s., and this after putting in between 40 and 50 years' service! The Directors might remember that their old servants are still men, not worn-out machines.

Penalising Patriotism.

When Charles O'Hagan, an ex-soldier, appeared before the Greenock Licensing Appeal Court asking for a renewal of a liquor licence, or alternatively for its transfer to another ex-soldier, his application was refused, and a foreign ice-cream vendor will have the premises. One of the reasons urged against O'Hagan was that "he had never been near the premises for four years." Of course he hadn't; he was getting near the Germans in France. And for this the Licensing Magistrates penalise him!

Too Previous.

Having complained to the Crosville Motor Company that he missed one of their buses running from Sandbach to Crewe owing to its having started before the advertised hour, a business man received the following from the firm: "Should you miss the bus through it leaving before time, we suggest you take the registered number and the firm's number of the bus, and if possible telephone up Nantwich Garage and request to know the name of the driver." One might think that a passenger who had time to take the two numbers would have time to take the bus—but perhaps the writer is a humorist.

"High-Class."

Mr. Hosegood, of Cambridge, was for over 20 years in the employ of Matthew and Son, very "high-class" tradesmen. He went into the Army, and, on demobilisation, got a letter from the firm. They thought the promise of the late head of it, to welcome back all volunteers for the war, did not commit him nor apply to Mr. Hosegood's case, as they had had to make additions to and promotions in the staff while he was away. So they advised him to apply elsewhere. Well, he did; and we are glad to say he has been appointed Cashier to the County War Pensions Committee. Perhaps the letter helped him, for the general feeling was that "it was a disgraceful letter for an ex-Service man to receive."

Laundry Prices.

For what it is worth, the laundries are brought into the net of the Profiteering Act Amendment Bill by Clause 2. We have not yet heard of any trembling knees in the ring of laundrymen as a consequence. When we do, we will report in the usual manner.

"Callous Cemetery Company."

Apropos of our recent comments on the closing of Abney Park Cemetery on Easter Monday, the General Secretary of the British Funeral Workers' Association writes that the cemetery was open until 2 p.m., when it was closed so that the employees, who work seven days a week, should have a few hours' recreation. This explanation only strengthens our opinion that the Cemetery Company places dividends before humanity, otherwise it would not work its employees seven days a week.

Economy at Last!

The Government has begun to cut down expenses! The poor devils who canvass for and correct the lists of Parliamentary voters are threatened. Hitherto their pay has been at the rate of 5s. for each hundred names retained or placed on the register, and by working, say, ten hours a day, some of the smartest of them managed to earn £3 a week. Now our cheeseparing Government has decided to reduce their rate of pay by from 20 to 30 per cent. Perhaps this will help to pay for the Hotel Petrograd.

Fund for Nurses.

To complete the Million Shillings Fund for Nurses, 400,000 shillings are still required. The object is to endow the College at which over 10,000 nurses are registered, as well as to create a fund for the relief of those in old age, sickness, or unavoidable pecuniary trouble. Like the soldiers, the nurses did their best to win the war. No appeal they make now ought to pass without handsome response—though, in our view, it would be more fitting that the money should be provided by the State, thus saving so honourable a profession the indignity of something very much like begging.

Cleanliness Next to——Impossibility.

Theatre managers are wailing because they may not sell chocolates after 8 p.m. But there are other anomalies created by the law laid down by D.O.R.A. As a West-end chemist puts it, he may not sell a cake of soap after 8 p.m. to a traveller from Toronto, Tooting, or Timbuctoo, however much he may stand in need of a wash. Should it be a Thursday, the grimy, soapless wanderer must go unwashed, after mid-day, for 20 hours. There is a humorous side to all this, but the fact remains that such pettifogging restrictions are foolish now, and should be swept aside.

Brain and Brawn.

A journal devoted to the building industry recently published two advertisements. One offered vacancies for foreman bricklayers, at a beginning wage of £5 a week, to be increased after six months, "plus rail fares, lodging, and other privileges." The other announced that a "first-class architectural assistant," capable of work in connection with housing schemes, was required by the South-end Borough Council, at a beginning salary of £225 a year, rising to the colossal figure of £300. Young architects will find bricklaying more profitable, if they can obtain the Union "ticket."

Local Limerick.

(*At Thames Police Court a girl who was singing outside the house where her young man lived, was fined for disorderly behaviour.*)

There was a girl singing in joyaunce;
A soulless "cop" thought it annoyance,
So the songstress he brought
To a dreary police court,
And the song she now sings has less buoyance.

A Difference "Down Under."

They deal sternly with male beasts in Australia. At Perth a man was found guilty of attempting a criminal offence upon a girl of 11. He had been twice previously convicted, for offences committed on the same day as that of his third crime. And his sentence was hard labour for five years. Will some of the Judges and Magistrates in the homeland—particularly Sheriff-Substitute Orr, of Edinburgh—follow this example?

Wirral's Invalids.

Somebody has sent us an official notice convening a meeting of members of the Wirral Board of Guardians at Birkenhead. The last line reads, "Ambulance will run as usual on Wednesday." The conveyance referred to was presented by Wirral farmers, but what are the members of the Board doing "as usual" in that coach for invalids? They must be a sick lot, if they're not a lazy lot.

Uncushy.

Contrary to the surmise of a critic who recently expressed in our columns the view that the musicians of the Army bands have an over-cushy time of it with £3 to £4 a week and private engagements, an Upper Tooting reader, himself an Army bandsman, says that "as a matter of fact, they receive £1 15s. weekly." Out of this he, personally, would have to support a widowed mother and himself but for private engagements, and he wants to know how he can be expected to do so. Perhaps critic aforesaid can inform him. We do not know.

"Misters" and "Esquires."

Though it is not a matter about which many people are likely to worry, one of our ex-soldier readers has contracted heartburn on account of the manner in which subscriptions to the Sidmouth War Memorial are being acknowledged in the local Press. Some of the subscribers are called "Esq." and some plain "Mr." We are informed that "there is many a £ held back not knowing whether it will be acknowledged as Mister or Esquire." If that is so, the Secretary or Treasurer can soon cure the trouble by making the subscription list a go-as-you-please race.

German on the Watch.

A few days ago a Lance-Corporal of the 2nd R.B. at Aldershot took his watch to a local watchmaker (British) for repairs. Said watchmaker announced that the repairs would take three weeks and the cost would be 10s., as two of the wheels were missing. The Lance-Corporal knew this was a whopper, so he consulted another watchmaker (a naturalised German), "and he done it in five minutes and charged 3d." It has frequently been said that there is a righteous German somewhere about. The Lance-Corporal must have found him.

Again the Caretaker.

It has long been clear that most public bodies regard a caretaker very much as an under-dog, scarcely worth his keep. Shrewsbury Education Committee takes its turn in the game. Needing a caretaker for St. Michael's Street School, it expresses a preference for a disabled ex-Service man (because of his pension, of course), and has the temerity to offer such a man £52 per annum—"no house." Oh! the wastrels, who would thus throw away £1 a week of the ratepayers' money.

A Night Watchman.

Here is another of them. It is somebody of Croydon, hiding his name under a number at a newspaper office, who requires a night-watchman—"thoroughly reliable . . . preference will be given to incapacitated soldier or sailor; wages 30s. per week; permanency." That last word leaves it a toss-up as to its application. The job may be permanent, but we should not care to vouch for the "permanency" of an incapacitated soldier or sailor doing night work and striving to keep his health and strength on 30s. a week.

Jack's Pictures Again.

We have had a number of complaints concerning the British and Colonial Photo Co., Castle St., Salisbury, whose bad business methods, already stigmatised by us, seem to have developed into habit. A man claiming to represent the firm took photos at Portsmouth last December, obtaining from one submarine's crew over £10 for copies. But not a copy has arrived, nor a reply to letters. The firm at Salisbury had better look into this. Otherwise it is possible Jack may call upon them himself.

Unpaid.

Nobody expects the example of a British Government—any British Government, mark you—to be equal to their precept. But when they are so very quick and very pressing on the money people owe to them, they ought to pay up quickly the money they owe to others. Application after application having been made for rent and rates with respect to the premises occupied by the Pensions Department at the Bow Institution, the City of London Guardians have given them notice to quit. What is sauce for the goose, is sauce for the gander.

A Ghastly Case.

Charged with ill-treating a goat, Alexander J. Pike, of Oakfield, was recently before the Ryde (Isle of Wight) Magistrates. He had stabbed it repeatedly through and through with a garden fork, an autopsy revealing 18 wounds on one side and 20 on the other. The liver was pierced, and one of the two kids which the goat was bearing was stuck through. The poor beast lingered in atrocious agony for three-quarters of an hour before it died. A month's hard labour for the bloodthirsty cur was all the punishment meted out. But when he emerges, he surely will not be admitted again to the society of decent men—or animals?

Your Holiday for Nothing.

This week we are making a special offer of Holiday Prizes in connection with our "Bullets" Competition. In addition to a first prize of £250, a second of £50, a third of £25, forty special Holiday Prizes—ten of £20 each, ten of £10 each, and twenty of £5 each—*must be won*. If you want a free holiday, try "Bullets" this week. For full particulars, see page 20.

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CANDID COMMUNICATIONS.

This page is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties, and, occasionally, Nonentities.

To the Right Hon. E. Shortt, K.C., M.P.

DEAR HOME SECRETARY,—It appears to me that the case of Arthur Barker, a working miner at Tunstall, Staffordshire, sentenced to four months hard labour as an unlicensed medical practitioner, is one in which you might very properly intervene. That this man, a so-called "drugless healer" of the most harmless type, is held in the highest esteem locally is evident from the extensively signed petitions lodged with your Department, while the most casual perusal of the evidence adduced at the trial must serve to convince you that the offence brought home to him was merely of a technical kind. Your duty is clear. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. Jeremiah Shurey, The Hope Inn, Purton, Wilts.

DEAR LANDLORD,—If ever there was a credit to "the trade," thou art the man. Your licence has just been renewed for the sixtieth time, having been first granted to you in 1861. In all those years there has not been one complaint against your house, so it is no wonder the whole parish rolled up to compliment you on your diamond jubilee as licensee of the "Hope." If every landlord were as good as your worthy self, Pussyfoot would never have a look in, and the poor man's club would be a happier, cheerier, and better place. JOHN BULL.

To Mrs. Patricia Rutter, Castelnau, Barnes, S.W.

DEAR MADAM,—I am addressing you as Mrs. Rutter, because I suppose that will continue to be your name until the *decree nisi* you have happily succeeded in obtaining from your husband has been made absolute. You are still little more than a child, but a child whose years have already been filled with the bitter experience of a marriage so tragic and disastrous that few will withhold from you sympathy and compassion: Married before you were 15 to an Aviation Officer not 21, in circumstances which had proved him not a gentleman but a reckless cad; afterwards suffering through his having "knocked about with other women"; and finally unjustly and wickedly branded by him in open Court as a loose thing when he first met you and a faithless thing when he had married you—all this has brought into your young life an experience which time will never efface from your memory. But from such a yoke it is a blessing to be freed, and I trust the future holds in store for your womanhood brighter and happier days. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir Gordon Hewart, K.C., M.P., H.M. Attorney-General.

DEAR MR. ATTORNEY,—Why the Law Officers should have put the Crown in an attitude of injustice, inequity, and unreason against the directors and shareholders of De Keyser's Hotel has never been appreciated by the general public, and now that the House of Lords, following the Court of Appeal, has placed such high officials finally in the wrong, you will naturally not expect a great deal of applause in reward for their efforts. Their doctrine of repudiation of responsibility for payment of rent while the Crown commandeered and monopolised this great London hotel for war purposes was monstrous. It is not disputable that national necessities demanded the occupation; but that the Crown, by powers of Prerogative alone, is entitled to break up the business of a subject and occupy his premises for long years without obligation to pay rent, is a claim which a Strafford might have made for Charles I, but it is one which can only be stigmatised as tyrannous. JOHN BULL.

To Alderman Van Trump, ex-Mayor of Taunton.

DEAR ALDERMAN,—I hear that you have resigned the Mayoralty of Taunton, which you have held four years, because the Town Council, on the recommendation of the Housing Committee, would not sanction the building of a new public hall by the Lyceum Theatre Co., of which you are Chairman. If you are not public spirited enough to appreciate the fact that the building of houses must take precedence of the erection of public halls, I should say that it is about time that you *did* resign. It looks to me suspiciously like a case of disappointed self-interest, as well as of Trump-ery pride. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. T. J. Macnamara, M.P., Minister of Labour.

MY DEAR "MAC."—There was a case down in the West Country in which a German, whom no one would work with, was granted the full Out-of-work Donation, on which I dare say he managed quite nicely. In my own mind, however, I have been comparing this case with that of a reader of mine in Scotland, who was asked to work for 3s. 6d. weekly less than his mates and on his refusal to do so was deprived of unemployment pay. Please look carefully into the details of these cases, so as to make quite sure you are not making fish of one and fowl of the other—especially when the fish is a good homegrown specimen and the fowl an interloping Hun? JOHN BULL.

To Roper Dixon, Esq., Chairman, Board of Guardians, Faversham, Kent.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN,—I have been interested in your report to the Guardians upon the visit of inspection you recently paid to the Chartham Asylum, under the Board's control. The patients, you were able to state, "looked very comfortable," but as you thought "much thinner than when you saw them in 1917." This latter appearance was certainly most disquieting, and upon the whole I am afraid there is some ground for your apprehension that the "rationing" at the Asylum has been unduly severe. As Chairman of the Board, you should have no difficulty in ascertaining the truth of the matter, as indeed it is your duty to do. Starvation of the body is no remedy for disorder of the mind. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. William Hitchcock, The Village, Berkswell, Nr. Coventry.

DEAR SIR,—Permit me to tell you a short story. A certain woman having lost her husband, her neighbours made a collection sufficient to establish her in a little shop, to help in her struggle to maintain herself and her four children. For 18 years the widow has been in this little shop, selling sweets, postcards, mineral waters, and such things. There was also in the village a grocer in a larger way of business. He was, too, the Parish Clerk, who gets somewhat of a living out of the dead by "doing up" graves. One day the widow, to her astonishment, received a letter from a firm of wholesale confectioners informing her that they could not accept her order for sweets any longer, as the grocer strongly objected to their supplying another shop in such close proximity to his own. The widow, sir, is Mrs. Bansor; the grocer and Parish Clerk are you. This being so, I ask you what you think of yourself? I could tell you what *I* think of you at large, also of the firm who have lent themselves to so despicable a boycott, but to save time and space all I will say about you and **them** is that you are beneath contempt. JOHN BULL.

To Sir Alfred Tobin, Westminster County Court.

DEAR JUDGE,—There was before you a young man who pleaded he could not pay a debt because he could not obtain work. You told him to go to the Labour Exchange, and then, if he had earned no money in a week, "it might mean he would go to prison." I am afraid you do not appreciate the facts about those Labour Exchanges. Very many strong and intelligent young men "go" to them, but they seldom, if ever, earn money within a week. More often it means month after month of weary, fruitless "going." Don't make that prison order too quickly. JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. Father Bernard Vaughan, Mount Street, W.

DEAR FATHER VAUGHAN,—Speaking at a meeting of the Marriage Defence Council to protest against Lord Buckmaster's Divorce Bill, you denounced "divorce while you wait," said that to you all divorce laws were "simply waste-paper rubbish," and that the Bill was "the grossest insult to women" and a menace to the stability of the Empire. I knew that the Church of Rome, of which you are so distinguished a member, has never wavered from its consistent attitude of refusing to recognise divorce and of regarding marriage as dissoluble only by death, but its doctrines can hardly be said to be binding on non-Catholics who, after all, form the bulk of the population of these Isles. One other point: "You are going to have a hell in England," you said, "if you pass the Bill." The truth, of course, is that we shall have a bigger hell in England as long as we don't. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. Thomas Wilson, Farmer, Ulpha Farm, Westmorland.

DEAR FARMER,—I consider that you came very badly out of the inquiry into the death of William Askew, a poor boy employed on your farm. On your own admission, the lad had complained of feeling unwell, although he "went about his work as usual," and it was not apparently until he was almost in a dying condition that you thought fit to summon medical aid. On the evidence, the jury found a verdict of death from natural causes—but with a rider to the effect that "the boy had been working in an unfit state and that medical attention should have been called in earlier." With this censure of your conduct in the matter I entirely agree. JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. Ion Carroll, B.A., Vicar of S. Peter's, Rushden.

DEAR VICAR,—On my conscience, I am very sorry the Budget has upset your financial and other arrangements. I note that you have knocked off your "well-earned tot of whisky on Sunday nights for some considerable time now," and are "none the better nor the happier for so doing." Likewise, now that bottled beer is up again, you will have to do without it, and intend to fetch your beer, hoping that if any of your parishioners see the Vicar "with a jug on the Irchester Road, and on Sunday night, too, when his day's work is done," they will not be shocked about it. There appears to be further, a question whether, with the increased price, you will any longer be able to afford the luxury of your pipe. In so hard a case, I really do think the congregation ought to send you in the bacca and the beer, if not the whisky. If they can't put the goods into the collection plate they can deliver them at the Vicarage door, and for so doing they would have my hearty approval. JOHN BULL.

STUMP UP!

Or The Bitter Cry of the British Public.

JOHN BULL:—"Profiteering Bill or no Profiteering Bill, save us the stump!"
PROFITEER:—"And you'll want it badly before I've done with you, my lad!"

A SOLDIER'S FATE.

CALLOUS INDIFFERENCE TO HERO'S DISTRESS.

The case of Robert Bonner, an ex-private of the 4th Lincoln Regiment, demands immediate attention. In June of last year, following his discharge from the Army, Bonner appeared before a Medical Referee, and, the Disablements Committee being satisfied that his consumptive condition was due to Army service, he received a small pension. Before long, however, the poor fellow's case was passed under review, and he was ordered to appear before the Pensions Appeal Tribunal at Leeds, but by this time the disease had got a fatal grip upon him and the local doctor certified that he was unfit to travel. At this point, it appears, official "red tape" was permitted to strangle the claims of sympathy, the Appeal Tribunal intimating that, "as the man had not appeared and given no reason for not attending, his appeal could not now be heard without the special permission of the President." Meanwhile the poor fellow's health was going from bad to worse, and finally it was arranged that a special inquiry should be held at the Dawber Sanatorium. It then transpired that shortly before his discharge the man had been exposed to the worst of weather, drenched to the skin while on duty, required to walk for miles in pouring rain—with the result that on reaching home he developed lung disease. Yet the Pensions Tribunal refused to say that the poor fellow's condition was "attributable to military service," and to-day he receives no pension at all. "I am hopeless," he writes to the Pensions Officer at Lincoln, "but have no fear of dying; only those I leave behind are troubling me now." We can only say that on the facts, as stated, someone ought to be impeached.

EMIGRATION PERILS.

CANADIAN CRITICISM OF BARNARDO SCHEME.

Having occasionally criticised the conditions under which children from Dr. Barnardo's Homes are shipped off to Canada, we are naturally interested in the discussion which has cropped up in the Canadian Press with reference to the subsequent fate of these juvenile immigrants. The general arrangement, it appears, is that these children are "adopted" by Canadian farmers who, according to one prominent critic, are thus enabled "to get complete possession of these friendless children and use them for their own selfish ends, without the slightest intention of considering the welfare of the children themselves." In other words, while in this country it is the benevolent aspect of the scheme that chiefly occupies the public mind, the Canadian farmer is apt to view the matter entirely from the economic standpoint, especially in these days when the cost of adult labour is going up by leaps and bounds, and the temptation to exploit the services of children becomes proportionately greater. Frequently these youngsters are employed on remote farmsteads, far removed from the centres of civilisation, there being no opportunities for educational improvement or recreation, even if release could be obtained from the pressure of farm employment in the busy season. Without for a moment accepting the whole of the strictures passed upon the scheme by Canadian critics, we certainly think that the Barnardo plan of emigration leaves a good deal to be desired—especially in these days when our own depleted man-power presents its insistent demand to repair the ravages of war. Some closer check on the farmer-masters should be exercised than has been the case hitherto.

MONEY AND PARTED.

TARDY PRODUCTION OF "ROLLS OF HONOUR."

During the war we published several warnings regarding various "Rolls of Honour" offered at extravagant prices to the friends and relatives of men who had served. The cynical commercialism of the whole project is well illustrated by the case of the so-called National Roll of the Great War, a publishing enterprise directed from 1, York Place, Baker Street, W., to which several ex-officers, including a live "Brigadier," have lent their names. Shrewder than some of their rivals, these eager memorialists hit upon the happy expedient of demanding a "registration fee" of 2s. 6d. from soldiers whose "miniature biographies" were to appear. Readers who months ago remitted their half-crowns have heard no more of the matter, except for a bare receipt. It is evident that this elaborate project is not to be spoilt through unseemly haste.

OUR DAUNTLESS DEAD.

FLOWERLESS GRAVES OF HEROES IN FLANDERS.

Just returned from the battlefields and devastated towns of Belgium, a Blackburn reader pays high tribute to the work of the British Labour Battalions who are engaged on the not enviable but always reverent task of exhuming the bodies of British soldiers lying in scattered areas and isolated graves, the sacred remains being afterwards interred in one of the official cemeteries. "The graves of the Belgians and French are invariably covered with beautiful flowers and plants," he says, "while those of British and Colonial heroes are, with rare exceptions, barren." What flowers were there, the men of the Labour Battalion had themselves planted. They requested that the matter should be put before us, in order that seeds and plants should be provided from private or public sources. Reproach certainly it is; and we hope Mr. Churchill will lose no time in having it removed. Once the British graves are florally embellished, we have no doubt the hearts of the French and Belgians are big enough to keep the graves bright with beauty, for beneath the sod lie hearts which once beat close to theirs.

PITY THE POOR CUSTOMER!

BREAD AND BEETLES, CAKE AND COCKROACHES.

When Risdons, Ltd., bakers and confectioners, were recently before the Devonport Magistrates, the Inspector of Factories drew a perfectly appalling picture of the insanitary conditions under which they prepared food for human consumption. The premises, according to his testimony, were teeming with blackbeetles, cockroaches, and other vermin, the machinery was "crusted with decaying confectionery paste" and in a filthy condition, and the women employees were clad in dirty sacks. The conditions, he added, were such as to constitute a danger both to the employees and to members of the public who dealt at the shop, and he made the very reasonable request that an Order for closing should be made and no food prepared there until the place had been fumigated and cleared of insects. The Magistrates, Messrs. H. Jarvis and J. Jolliffe, refused to make such an Order, and contented themselves with fining Risdons the inadequate sum of £2 and allowing them a month in which to clean the premises. Presumably the Magistrates do not buy *their* bread from the firm—although practically the sole proprietors, Messrs. Myer and Israel Fredman, must be well known to them as persons of local importance, the former being indeed one of their colleagues on the Bench and a former Mayor of the place.

CHEATING THE EX-SOLDIER.

EMIGRATED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND STRANDED OVERSEAS.

BEFORE the war it fell to the lot of this journal to expose the false glamour of the Great Emigration Lie, by which the best of our young manhood and womanhood was inveigled into disastrous adventure overseas. To-day, more's the pity, a similar protest is called for—the unsatisfied needs of the ex-soldier provide a happy hunting-ground for the emigration quack, while the State authorities are themselves playing no small part in the cruel business of deception.

We will begin with a typical example, A demobilised soldier, Mr. W. H. Crawford, late of the Army Service Corps, Motor Transport Section, had obtained employment at Woolwich Arsenal, when his attention was caught by an advertisement in a newspaper stating that upon certain conditions the Government were granting free passages to ex-Service men and their dependents to any part of His Majesty's Dominions. Here was a chance to satisfy the ambition of a life-time—to escape from the smoke and grime of the Arsenal to the joys of an open-air existence, where the children might grow up to healthy manhood and womanhood in clean air and under smiling skies. Nervously, and with a feeling that it was "too good to be true," Crawford made application through the local Labour Exchange for free passages to Australia for himself, his wife and four children. In due course he was overjoyed to receive the following very definite communication on the official notepaper of the Agent-General for Queensland:

> Your passage has been approved by the Queensland Government. The matter now rests with the Overseas Settlement Office, to which department all future correspondence should be addressed.—P. J. Dillon, Secretary.

Communication with the Overseas Settlement Department served only to enhance the golden prospect. There was to be free land for the soldier-settlers; advances of capital at low rates of interest from the Dominion Savings Banks; free training at the expense of the Government. On the strength of further correspondence with the Overseas Settlement Department, Crawford mustered £85, and booked passages for Queensland, receiving a solemn assurance that the money should be refunded to him immediately on his arrival at Brisbane. He was accompanied by a Mr. H. E. Whitlock, another ex-soldier who, by similar means, had been induced to try his fortunes in the "Golden South."

Alas, sad disillusionment was in store. Arrived at Brisbane with their wives and children, heavily out-of-pocket by the expenses of the journey, the men found that no preparation whatever had been made for their reception, although the authorities had been duly advised of their date of sailing. There was no one to meet them, and nothing whatever seemed to be known of the cut-and-dried official scheme on the strength of which the ex-soldiers had severed the ties that bound them to the Motherland. The plight of the entire party was simply desperate, made worse by the fact that Crawford's wife was in delicate health, shortly expecting another child. In these circumstances, the two men made strong representations in Brisbane official circles—at the Information Bureau, Immigration, Lands, Treasury and other departments—but without discovering a trace of the scheme under which they were to be trained in agriculture and settled upon State holdings. Speedily the truth was borne in upon them that they were the victims of a cruel official fraud, or at the very least of a heartless blunder, entailing nothing less than the utter ruin of their hopes. Instead of the £85 he had expended, Crawford received a refund of £35, afterwards augmented by a maintenance grant of £2 2s. weekly until such times as a vessel could be found to take them back to England. The results were tragic. Bitterly upset by the cruel failure of the plans upon which she and her husband had set such store, Mrs. Crawford never rallied from the effects of her confinement, which took place soon after the family's arrival in Australia. A widower, and robbed of all enthusiasm for the new life he had coveted while there was a devoted woman to share his fortunes, Crawford had now no thought but to get back to England, where proper arrangements could be made for the care of the orphaned children. After the callous way in which the poor fellow had been tricked and deceived, it might have been thought that the authorities would have been only too ready to make amends by offering an immediate passage to Great Britain.

But no! Weeks later, Crawford writing to his mother-in-law said that in this connection also he has been repeatedly disappointed. The letter, dealing intimately as it does with the husband's recent bereavement, is too sacred for extensive reproduction, but a single passage may be quoted as bearing upon our indictment of the bungling bureaucrats in London: "I have been told by the Under-Secretary that the allowance of £2 2s. weekly may be stopped at any moment. It takes more than that to keep the children. I have been round the second-hand shops selling Ada's things and my own. I have not much more to sell, only my few tools, and God knows what is to become of us then. Brisbane is full of out-of-works and returned soldiers without employment." Full of out-of-works!—yet represented by the Overseas Settlement Department as a land thirsting for emigrants. Whether a legal action lies against the authorities through whose criminal negligence Crawford and his companion were lured to their doom is a question we must consider. Meanwhile, this burning scandal should serve as a beacon warning to ex-Service men.

HORRORS OF THE SHAMBLES.

WHY MINISTRY'S RULES SHOULD BE COMPULSORY.

It has been the tendency of the war to obliterate our sense of minor horrors, such as those associated with the slaughtering of animals for food. The law takes too little account of the brutality of the shambles. True, the Ministry of Health has a set of model by-laws dealing with the slaughtering of cattle, conceived in a humane spirit and devised with scrupulous regard to the claims of cleanliness and hygiene—but their adoption by local authorities is entirely optional, and in too many cases the more indifferent type of butcher is left to his own barbarous devices. It is still customary in many slaughter-houses to "stick" sheep and pigs while they are fully conscious, while in unskilful hands the pole-axe, commonly used for stunning cattle, may in itself become a devilish instrument of torture. The sensitive meat-eater prefers not to dwell upon these abominations, but it is as well that we should sometimes be reminded of the suffering endured, and that quite needlessly, by the creatures selected by man for the enjoyment of the table. A glance at the by-laws approved by the Ministry of Health is sufficient to indicate that painless slaughtering is not at all a quixotic ideal, but a practical possibility once the avoidance of cruelty is recognised as a duty incumbent upon the authorities. In our view, it is high time that the adoption of these humane regulations was made a condition precedent to the granting of a licence for the slaughtering of animals for food.

A CHEAP SERVANT.

DRUDGE WORKS FIFTEEN YEARS FOR NOTHING.

A lot is heard in these days about the high wages demanded for domestic servants, but that the rule in such matters is subject to important exceptions was proved in a case recently heard by His Honour Judge Lindley at the Wellington (Somerset) County Court. The plaintiff in the action was a Miss Florence Howlett, her claim against the defendant, Mr. C. G. Perrett, of Poole Farm, being for £100, the girl having been employed by the farmer for 15 years, during which period it was alleged she had received no wages at all. Persons ignorant of the niceties of law would hardly have expected Mr. Perrett to win, in view of his admission that he had paid the girl no wages. He had fed her—as he was bound by law to do—and she had at times been permitted to deck herself out in Mrs. Perrett's cast-off garments; but from the age of 17, when she entered the farmer's employment, she had received not a penny of remuneration, unless it were a few coppers given her to spend on the rare occasions when she was permitted to enter the town of Wellington. Morally the poor girl's claim was indisputable, but legally it contained a fatal flaw. There was no proper contract of service, so the Judge found; and the girl's case, therefore, fell to the ground. "The girl entered into service," said His Honour, "on terms of food and clothing, and there is no evidence to satisfy me that these terms have been altered." It remains for Mr. Perrett, as a man of honour, to redress the injustice that is left untouched by the law.

FLEECING THE LAMB.

CLERGYMEN'S UNFAIR AND INVIDIOUS BURDEN.

Another of the fighting parsons who are up in arms against the present system under which clergymen's incomes are mulcted by the deduction of rates, is the Rev. Allen Hay, Vicar of South Mimms. Mr. Hay has the courage of his convictions, and has lately allowed himself to be summoned at Barnet for the non-payment of poor rates amounting to £32. The value of tithes under an Act of 1836 depended on average grain prices for the past seven years, but the Government suspended this Act in 1918—with the result that the loss to clerical incomes has been estimated as £630,000 in 1919 and £770,000 this year. Mr. Hay points out to us that, while the Chancellor of the Exchequer draws £5,000 for his job, rate free, he would withhold relief from thousands of clergy rated on incomes of less than £200. "Mr. Chamberlain," he says, "luxuriates in a beautiful Sussex home, surrounded by a flourishing family with everything they wish to make them happy; in hundreds of vicarages the children are going without the necessaries of life and their parents are dying of worry and anxiety." Beyond a doubt, the clerical lamb has been badly fleeced—nay, skinned—by this unfair rating burden. Some measure of relief is still to be afforded, as a new Government Bill proposes to grant complete exemption from rates where the total income does not exceed £300 and to give partial exemption on incomes of between £300 and £500. But the rating on tithes is an obvious injustice, and it should be fought to the bitter end.

IN THE BARBER'S CHAIR.

EX-BOMBARDIER WELLS.

'Ello, Mister Wells! . . . Yes, yes, I'll go light over your jaw. Still a bit tender, eh? It ain't surprisin'! Pity you went down, me lad. But there you are, a lot o' favourites is goin' down in all the sports jest now. W'y, it ain't 'ardly safe to touch racin'. But most of us did fancy you was a safe thing this time, speshily w'en we read 'ow Carpenter 'ad give you a bit of advice 'ow to finish Beckett orf in quick time . . . Now, wot was it 'e really did tell you?

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The fight is over, so you might as well let on now . . . Wot? *Thet's jest the very thing you carn't remember?* An' I s'pose you was tryin' to think wot it was w'en Beckett knocked you out, eh? . . . Ah, I thought so. An' it never come to you, eh? But Beckett's fist did, anyway, not 'arf! Wot? Any'ow, I'm glad there wasn't no silly talk about the "'ypnotic eye." A straight fight between two sportsmen don't want no tosh o' thet sort about it arfterwards. Tell you wot it is, Billy—you're a pretty boxer, but you ain't a battlin' fighter.

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There's a sorft spot somewhere. You know it, an' we've all bin afraid of it for some time. Now *we* know it. Now, I reckon if you're a sensible chap you'll leave the ring for good an' all. You ain't so young as you was, you know, me boy. And if I was you I wouldn't risk me features no more. It don't matter so much about Beckett's. 'E's got the usual number, but they ain't arranged quite so pritty as yours is. That don't trouble 'im. 'E's the Squire o' Sherley now, and I reckon there ain't anybody in 'is neighbour'ood 'oo'd 'ave the pluck to criticise the arrangement of 'is face. Well, Billy me boy, you've 'ad your charnces. Everybody's bin very nice to you; you've been given more opperchunities then most, an' there've bin more allowances made for your defeats then most beaten boxers 'as 'anded out to 'em. So take my tip. Give it a miss. You've made a bit o' money out of the game, I've no doubt. An' you're entitled to it. I should want a million or two down before I let Joe Beckett punch my dial about for eight minutes. And a 'eavy life inshorancy policy in my wife's favour as well, *I* sh'd stipyerlate for, let alone makin' me will.

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Now, don't look so glum and down-'earted, me lad. Beckett'll find 'imself up against it one o' these days. Smiler 'Ales is lookin' out for a likely lad, and 'e'll find one right enough. Then you may 'ave the pleasure o' sittin' in the orchestra stalls an' watchin' Beckett "take the count." . . . *You're still inclined to 'ave another go?* I admires your pluck, but I think you're silly. *You'd like to meet Carpenter again?* Woffor? Carpenter beat you, then 'e beat Beckett, an' Beckett beat you. Are you tired o' life, me lad? Besides, it wouldn't be fair to Carpenter to give 'im the trouble o' puttin' you to sleep again. . . . *You're not so shore?* Thet's the worst o' you, my boy. You're bloomin' confident between fights, but w'en you git inside the ropes you feel different. Well, we likes you, you know, me lad. We likes you, an' we're sorry for you. An' w'en you feel a bit sore about your critics, jest remember thet p'r'aps there ain't one o' them wot 'ud 'ave the pluck to put the gloves on with you for 'arf a round. . . . Well, goo' day, Mister Wells, an' the best o' luck in wotever new profesh. you decide to take up. . . . Much erbliged, I'm shore.

PRINTER'S PIE.

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"ENNISKILLEN IMPARTIAL REPORTER" (advertisement):—"For Sale two good hall stands, BRAND NEW and perfect, ONE OF THEM VERY ANTIQUE."

"MANCHESTER EVENING CHRONICLE": —"Mrs. —— said that AFTER HIS DEATH the old man ALTERED HIS WILL."

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"KENT MESSENGER" (report of meeting of ex-Service men):—"This meeting . . . calls upon the Government to take immediate steps to give protection to these MEN, WHO WENT WITHOUT ANY COMPULSION WHATEVER TO MISS ——."

ILL-HEALTH PERPETUALLY BANISHED

The Glory of the Upward Path.

YOU CAN BE REVITALISED.

You, who read this message, when you woke this morning were you conscious of that tingling thrill, that sense of sheer delight and well-being which tells of restful, dreamless sleep, the natural refreshment of the poised, well-balanced body, with its wonderful mechanism in perfect accord? Was it really a joy to you to face the uprising day, were you glad and strong in the knowledge of the power given you by perfect physical capacity to emerge triumphant from whatever exertions and difficulties lay before you? That is how you *should* have felt, that is how you have a *right* to feel, that is—*Health*. Yet how few there are who can answer such a chain of queries in the affirmative. If you are one of the many thousands in this land to-day who carry on by sheer force of will, bravely combating with set teeth and frowning mien one of the hundred manifestations of disease or ill-health, I do so want you to realise that if you will but follow my advice

I CAN LITERALLY REVITALISE YOU,

bringing you back to that wonderful sense of joy in life that unconsciousness of the fretful demands of the clogged body and overworked mind, which is the whole glory of health, which literally transforms life, painting it "couleur de rose," and which translates you to the enjoyment of a mundane paradise. I care not whether you be a Man, Woman, or Child, I do not care how old you are, whether you are the misguided victim of an indefinite course of self-drugging, whether you are a chronic sufferer, or merely the victim of some temporary derangement of the bodily machinery.

I POSSESS THE MASTER KEY

to physical restoration, and this I will gladly place at your disposal. I practise what I preach. I made approach to the great uplands of life, fettered by a puny body, and indifferent health. For years I have enjoyed to the uttermost that priceless condition of brimming, vital *life* to which I referred in my opening paragraph, and I only wish I could convey to you how inestimably precious is that possession.

THE TREATMENT OF SIMPLICITY AND DELIGHT.

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THE PEOPLE'S PULPIT.

The readers of "JOHN BULL" discuss matters of Public Interest.

Letters for this page must relate to public, as distinguished from personal, topics.

For short acknowledgments of communications and replies to other letters—selected from our general mail—see "Letter Bag," page 18.

The Coal-Black Outlook.

The miners are constantly repeating that the price of foodstuffs must be brought down! Would it not be advisable to pay and feed the miners at pre-war prices on the understanding that they accept pre-war wages? Coal should be the property of the nation—not the property either of the miners or of the "mineral lords."—W. WILSON, Daleview Road, N. 15.

Extortionate Rates.

Under the Rent Restriction Act a limit should have been placed on the rates. It seems absurd to prevent a landlord increasing the rent while permitting the Local Authorities, by means of the rates, to mulct the tenant in double the amount which might have been charged as increased rent. Several districts, including Tottenham, are penalised at over 20s. in the £.—A. G. BARKER, Green Lanes, N.

Another Source of Revenue.

Has the Chancellor of the Exchequer ever considered the use of the Post Office letter date-stamping machines for trade advertisement purposes as a source of revenue? If America can raise recruits by this means and Great Britain bring to the notice of almost every home in the kingdom the necessity of buying War Bonds, there is no reason why the idea should not be used for revenue-producing advertisements.—(MRS.) M. A. EDGSON, Salisbury Street, Derby.

"Bus Scrums."

To prevent the present-day "scrums" attendant on trying to board a bus in our large towns, in which the weakest go to the wall, the system adopted on the Continent of passengers obtaining from a slot placed at the stopping places a ticket, numerically arranged, might be tried to the advantage of all concerned. This would entail only a small cost to the proprietors—then first come, first served, and everybody gets their turn.—(MRS.) EVELINE JAMES, Denmark Villas, Hove.

"Kill That Fly!"

Scientists have established that the house fly, now making its customary appearance, is the carrier of typhoid, diphtheria, enteric, consumption, anthrax, and even smallpox—yet no step of any consequence is taken to eliminate the pest. Municipal propaganda and instruction by schoolmasters and mistresses in every county regarding the evil would create a movement for wholesale and retail destruction of these deadly pests.—PERCY GEORGE PRICE, Haslemere Road, Thornton Heath.

"Pitiful and Shameful."

As a daily traveller on the District Railway and tubes, I suggest that a compartment, or part thereof (for seating room only), be allocated to disabled men who are obliged to travel on the railways to business. Owing to the terrible crushes on the various lines, the disablements of our boys are seriously aggravated. It is both pitiful and shameful to see such men "strap-hanging" in an overcrowded train. Surely the directors could arrange this "little" comfort.—(MRS.) C. MCCARTHY, Selwyn Road, Upton Park.

Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Mr. W. R. Parkinson.

Sugar Production.

To relieve the world shortage of sugar, the Government should expedite the building of sugar-beet factories and, by financing them, encourage soldiers and sailors to grow sugar-beet. This would provide work for thousands of ex-Service men and leave us less dependent on foreign supplies.—T. W. HOBBS, South Street, Warminster.

Commandeer for Peace.

Men, money, materials—in fact, everything that was necessary—was either commandeered or conscripted for the successful fighting of the Great War. Why cannot the Government for the building of houses commandeer on the same principle everything that is necessary, and thus solve two of the most acute present-day problems—work for the unemployed and homes for heroes?—C. HARVEY, Station Road, Keynsham.

"Wot About It?"

"Support Home Industries," I said to a workmate a few days ago. "That's all right, pal," he replied; "but as soon as the British manufacturers find they have the field to themselves, up go their prices like 'ell. Wot with these 'ere Rings an' Combines, they're nowt but a set of daylight robbers. If they'll play the game an' act straight, an' show *their* patriotism, then us workin' chaps 'll do the same." The approval was so unanimous that I feel constrained to ask: "Messrs. Profiteer (Unlimited), wot about it?"—WM. R. PARKINSON, Longfield Road, Daubhill, Bolton.

New Taxes Wanted.

The Budget has now been discussed, and, as usual, we find that our bureaucrats have not troubled to use their brains, if they have any. Why not a tax on all jewellery which cost more than £10? People who can afford that price can afford to pay a tax on it; also on all antiques, old paintings, old pottery and stamps. These are bought by men as a hobby, and they would not miss another few shillings on purchases of £10 and over.—G. F. GOODREAD, New Road, Brighton.

Bicycles—or Postage?

Before imposing extra taxes on users of the Postal Service, the Chancellor of the Exchequer would be well advised to tax ordinary bicycles. This has been done in France for many years past, by purchasing from the Post Office a small metal disc issued by the State, which is affixed to the machine. The scheme presents none of the complications entailed by some taxes at present in operation, and would ensure a substantial revenue. Bicycle-owners would rather pay a tax of 2s. 6d. annually than the present increased postal rates.—CHARLES H. BUTLER, Oaklands Road, Bexley Heath.

War Secrets.

A great exhibition of our war materials is to be held at the Crystal Palace. Here representatives of other Governments may come and now learn many of the secrets which we took such pains to guard and in the discovery, invention, and manufacture of which many men and women ruined their health or their eyesight, and some sacrificed their lives. Surely this is a very shortsighted action on our part, and a breach of faith with the dead.—H. S. DAVISON, Denville, Havant.

Tracing Missing Prisoners.

The Government state that there are still 200 prisoners of war in Germany unaccounted for, besides those in other enemy countries. Would it not be worth while to *publish all particulars they have in regard to these missing men*, in the hope that among the hundreds of repatriated prisoners some may possibly be able to shed light upon their fate? Scores of my comrades of various regiments died at the prison camp at Jeamont and were buried near by. Maybe some of these have been "forgotten" by the German authorities and number among the "unaccounted."—A. BUCKLER, Hubert Grove, Clapham.

Cleanse the Race Courses.

If racing is to hold the good opinion of the general public and keep the killjoy element from throwing mud at it, some organised effort must be made to rid the sport of the pests found at almost every meeting to-day—particularly the three-card sharps, tipsters, confidence-men, and the bookies who start the day with big odds and no cash. It only wants a little co-operation on the part of the Jockey Club and police to get rid of them and cleanse the course for public enjoyment of the King of Sports.—C. BEADLE, Stockley, Calne.

Buying the Freehold.

Many people have been forced to buy the house they occupy, but seldom have they been allowed to acquire the freehold. Parliament should make it compulsory that, where a man lives in his own house, he should be able to acquire the freehold at a reasonable price. A sliding scale of the various prices to be paid, in accordance with the number of years unexpired on the lease, could soon be drawn up, and those whose ground rents are exorbitant should have right of appeal to the Courts before purchase.—H. C. FISHER, Farrant Avenue, Wood Green.

Evening Playgrounds.

It should be compulsory for all Council schools having a playground to keep it open after school hours as a recreation ground for the children. Public playgrounds in most towns are not situated within easy reach of the majority of children, whereas school grounds are fairly numerous. If this were done it would prevent a lot of street accidents to children, and would also help to prevent many youngsters being brought to the police-courts for footballing or mischief in the streets, as they would then have somewhere to go to for their recreation.—J. TITLEY, Boundary Street, Hanley.

"JOHN BULL'S" WEEKLY CINEMA.

'Tis thought that Asquith's interest
Is mainly in the Party Chest.

We rather fancy Australia's way,
But—Kaiserless Germany *can't pay!*

If we like France the Bolshies used,
Our freedom would be less abused.

We say "Economy!" in vain,
The Civil Service duds remain

"John Bull's" Advertisement Cinema Page.

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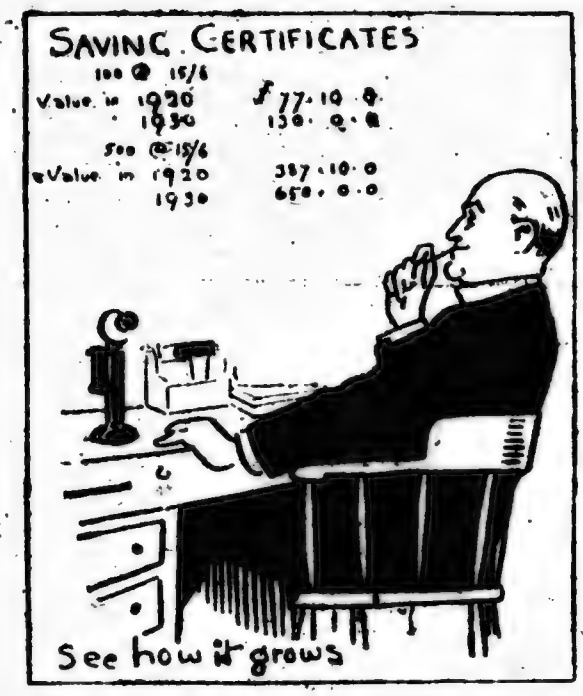
15/6 in 10 years will be £1:6:0
Pocket money invested in SAVINGS CERTIFICATES will grow in Value



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TROUBLE BREWING

Our Next Enemy—Insulting the Army

By THE ED

AT the earnest solicitation of certain people in high places, I have refrained for some time past from pursuing the subject of the unsatisfactory situation existing between Britain and America. I have contented myself with putting occasional questions in the House of Commons—and have noticed that, evidently acting upon Government inspiration, they have usually been disregarded by the Press. But events have been marching rapidly since last I wrote on the subject of our relations with America, and they have been proceeding in a direction in no sense favourable. I am quite ready to concede that the anti-British and pro-Sinn Fein influences in America are largely exploited for political purposes—that if there were no Presidential election looming in the distance we might hear less of the mean men who would deny us our share of the credit, and more of the worthy few who would concede to us the acknowledgment of the sacrifices we made in winning the war. Americans, I know, are not all Daniels and Wilsons. There are a few stalwart fellows like Admiral Sims, who have been standing up for the Old Navy of the Old Country with a courage and a candour worthy of the best British stock. I know, too, that if you can forget the hyphenate and the mixed breeds, there remains the fine flower of America which hung its head shamefaced until the States entered the war, and which, through good and ill report, stands for the country from which it draws its language and owes the liberty of its institutions. Gladly do I remember these things, and willingly do I acknowledge the many tributes of appreciation and sympathy received from "the other side" when last I had my say about official America; its betrayal of the cause of peace; its denial of its share in the grave responsibilities which President Wilson arrogantly forced upon us. There comes a time, however, when an independent, responsible journalist is bound, by every consideration of public duty and also of self-respect, to take note of signs and portents which it is criminal folly to ignore. And I say again, deliberately, that just as Ireland has for all practical purposes ceased to be a portion of the United Kingdom, so America is no longer in any sense our Ally—or, in the true meaning of the word, our friend. Every mail brings me complaints from Englishmen in the States as to the intolerable insults and annoyances with which they have to contend.

The Irish "Republic."

Here is one taken at random: "Life in Chicago for the English is made more bitter than ever it was during the early years of the War, when we were surrounded by anti-British who were pro-Germans; now it is anti-British who are pro-Sinn Feiners." And can you very much wonder at it when de Valera—the Jewish gentleman of Portuguese descent posing as President of the "Republic" of Ireland—is fêted and feasted throughout the States, has the honour of the freedom of the principal cities conferred upon him, and is allowed to appeal in the American Press for funds? And what an appeal! Upon two occasions I have called the attention of the Prime Minister to it, and in each case have been told that, whilst the Government is fully aware of the fact, it does not propose to make any representation to the President respecting it. I do not think the British public can really be aware of what is going on, and I therefore reproduce the subtle and sinister advertisement by means of which this shrewd new St. Patrick is endeavouring to, and succeeding in, extracting large sums of money from the pockets of American sympathisers. Setting out with the object of securing ten million dollars, he now announces that that sum has already been exceeded, and is hinting that, for the purpose of formally installing himself as President of the "Republic," he is about to smuggle his way back to Ireland as he did out of England. And all the time the American Government looks on and, by implication at any rate, encourages him in his nefarious campaign—Governors of States and politicians of eminence vieing with each other to do him honour. Was there ever a more grotesque spectacle within the borders of a "friendly" State? Many a great war has owed its origin to a much less aggravating cause, and in this connection America might advantageously look up her own history. Has she forgotten the *Alabama*, for instance, and how, owing entirely to the generosity of Britain, serious trouble was averted? It is all very distressing. Here, then, is what Mr. Wilson and his Government have been allowing to appear in the principal newspapers:—

IRELAND'S GREAT RESOURCES HAVE BEEN UNTOUCHED.

Economically, the new republic has stupendous possibilities.

Her broad harbors will provide safe anchorage for the navies of the world; her rivers hold mighty water power for new industries; her rich soil awaits only unrestricted tillage; her fisheries, her mines are vast reservoirs of wealth.

BRITISH BIG BUSINESS has stifled her development for centuries; for years she has suffered a commercial blockade; her young people have been forced into exile because opportunity was denied them at home.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF IRELAND have been leaders in the development of nearly every nation on the globe. THEY ASK SIMPLY FOR THE CHANCE TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN.

DAIL EIREANN—the congress elected by the direct vote of the people of Ireland, under a Constitution modeled along the lines of that of the United States—has authorized a LOAN IN AMERICA.

Her own internal loan is OVERSUBSCRIBED.

A Free and Independent Ireland means much to the United States—a market for our goods—a source of direct supply.

Help Create a New Market.
Help Acquire a New Customer.

Bond Certificates issued in denominations of $10, $25, $50, $100, $500, $1,000, $5,000, $10,000, payable in full as follows:

First Payment 20%, with application.
Second Payment 40%, April 1, 1920.
Third Payment 20%, May 1, 1920.
Final Payment 20%, June 1, 1920.

To EAMON DE VALERA,
President of the Republic of Ireland,
323 Ashland Block, Chicago:

I, ...hereby tender to the Government of the Republic of Ireland the sum of $..... This sum is voluntarily subscribed by me. Neither the President of the Republic of Ireland, nor the Government of the said Republic, nor its agents, are under any obligation to repay this sum or to pay interest on said sum to me or to my heirs until the said Republic of Ireland is internationally recognized and until the lapse of six months from the date of the freeing from British military control of the territory of the said Republic of Ireland.

Signed .....

Address, etc. .....

Checks Payable to Eamon de Valera.

It was with this before me that, only a few days ago, I again interrogated the Prime Minister, receiving the answer that "Whilst it is understood that appeals for subscriptions for Bond Certificates addressed to Eamon de Valera are still appearing in certain United States newspapers, it is not proposed to make any representation to Washington on the matter." I wonder what would be said if some ardent Royalist in England inaugurated a campaign for the abolition of the American Republic, and the placing of a pretender on the throne at Washington—or started a national subscription for the purpose of financing the Philippinos to throw off the American yoke. What a Note Mr. Wilson would send us! And how indignantly the United States Senate would declare it "an unfriendly act" on the part of the British Government to tolerate such an agitation. And what sort of headlines would there be in all the American papers! But,

G WITH AMERICA.

ay and Navy—The "Yellow Press."

EDITOR.

for some mysterious reason, the Prime Minister and his colleagues stand in mortal dread of America's displeasure and, as every week reveals some fresh insult offered to Britain during the War, we are warned not to say a word calculated to "estrange the friendly relations existing between the United States and ourselves." Such was the ponderous piffle uttered by Captain Wedgwood Benn by way of protest against my question already referred to. In other words, let America twist the Lion's tail to her heart's content—whilst the poor beast is doped with political anæsthetics. I am heartily sick of this farce.

Insulting Our Army and Navy.

"Estrange our friendly relations with America," forsooth! My young friend Captain Benn served with distinction in the War, and I beg to ask him what he thinks of that speech made by President Wilson in March of last year, in which he said: "Until the advent of America in the war, the Allied armies were inspired by no high ideals and were fighting with lowered heads; and it was not until they heard the accents of America's ideals that they lifted their heads and raised their eyes to Heaven"—adding that "the American soldiers came across the seas in the spirit of Crusaders, possessed of something that could only be called religious fervour, and in this respect they were not like any of the other soldiers—they had a vision and were fighting in a dream; and, fighting in a dream, they turned the whole tide of battle and it never came back." Was ever grosser insult offered to the British Army? And on the top of this came the contemptuous sneer at our Navy just brought to light in America. Listen to this despatch: "From the beginning of the War I have been greatly surprised at the failure of the British Admiralty to use Britain's great naval superiority in an effective way. In the presence of the submarine emergency they are helpless to the point of panic. Every plan we suggest they reject for some reason of prudence. . . . The trouble is that their plans and methods do not seem efficacious. . . . The British Admiralty was very slow to adopt the protection of convoys, and it is not protecting the convoys on an adequate scale within the danger zone." And it was the British Fleet which successfully convoyed the American Army across the Atlantic without one single mishap! And you will remember that famous—or rather infamous—instruction to Admiral Sims not to let the British "pull wool over his eyes," as "America was just as ready to fight Britain as she was to fight Germany." Isn't it high time Mr. Lloyd George took the bit between his teeth and told America, as M. Millerand has told Germany, that we will have no more of this nonsense? Let us get out of America's debt without further delay—as we could easily do by an immediate issue of Premium Bonds; let the British sovereign thereupon assert its true parity; let the United States be formally notified that, whether she comes into the League of Nations or not, she must have no shipbuilding programme not approved by the Allied States. Then we shall know just where we stand. Personally—and I say it deliberately—I scent grave danger ahead.

Mr. Wilson's Illness.

Of course, most of the trouble centres round the personality of Mr. Wilson. It was obvious to my mind when he was over here, and at earlier stages of the War itself, that he was endowed with a mentality utterly out of concord with European ideas. Those inane professorial Notes—and in one of which, let it be remembered, he expressed his inability to discern any difference between the aims and ideals of the various belligerents—were evidence of nothing more than a self-sufficient, ill-informed and masterful individuality, more suited to the schoolroom than to the deliberations of statesmen. And there can be no question that the ridiculous fuss made during his visit to Europe absolutely turned his head. Then came the breakdown in health, due to his inability to withstand a strain which was as nothing compared to that thrown upon the shoulders of Lloyd George and Clemenceau—with the result that for months past he has been *hors-de-combat*. I am not sufficiently acquainted with the American Constitution to be able to understand why, in these circumstances, he still retains the rôle of President, being undoubtedly incapable for the discharge of any of its functions—although, as it would appear, being allowed, whenever his caprice permits him, still to interfere in the affairs of State. Every day, however, is making it more manifest that he entertains the most contemptuous regard for both Britain and France—and possibly for Europe as a whole. Do you realise that all the time Earl Grey was acting as our Special Ambassador at Washington he was never once received at the White House—no doubt owing to the President's ill-health, although the wonderful energy he displayed about the same time in dismissing Secretary Lansing does not seem quite to agree with that explanation. Then the other day I elicited the fact, to put it in the guarded words of Mr. Bonar Law, that "Sir Auckland Geddes has not yet had an opportunity of presenting his credentials to the President of the United States, presumably on account of the ill-health of the latter. Pending this formality, *it is understood that he has been admitted to the exercise of his ambassadorial functions.*" Admitted by whom, I should like to ask? By some Under-Secretary of State? I wonder what America would say if *her* Ambassador were treated in this way!

The "Yellow Press."

Take the case of Armenia. We were informed by the Prime Minister a few weeks ago that the Supreme Council had invited America to accept a Mandatory for that country. I ridiculed the idea at the time, and predicted that the invitation would be either declined or treated with contempt. And a few days ago the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, answering a question I put to him in the House of Commons, blandly said that "up to the present time no reply had been received." Really, it is time to protest. If Mr. Wilson is the difficulty—well, difficulties were made to be removed. I suppose this article will be characterised as another outburst of the Yellow Press, and that, just as Mr. Hearst in New York is supposed to be stirring up anti-British feeling, I shall be charged with a deliberate attempt to foster distrust of America on the part of the British people. I think, however, I have clearly shown that it is Mr. Wilson and his Ministers who are responsible for the whole of the mischief. For no one could wish more earnestly than I do for happy relations between Britain and the great English-speaking American continent; but it cannot be purchased at the price of our self-respect and the honour of our fighting men. Of course, if I were seeking a peerage or a seat on the Treasury Bench, I should *have* to keep my tongue still. Being, however, independent, I can choose my own course, guided only by a sense of public duty; and, as I have no respect for the ostrich principle which teaches its disciples to bury their heads in the sand and ignore obvious dangers, I shall continue not to mince my words or pretend to a sense of security that I am far from feeling.

Uncle Sam's Hand or Fist?

As I have already said, I earnestly desire a solid and undying friendship between the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race, and I should be only too glad if I could see the slightest evidence of a genuine reciprocation of that sentiment on the part of America. But I scan the Western horizon in vain for any such sign. Instead, I see braggart insolence swaggering unchecked through wastes of mendacity, all signal proof of the truth of my steady assertion that at bottom "American idealism" is simply another name for Yankee bluff. To suffer this sort of thing in silence, I consider the attitude not of prudent patriotism but of week-kneed poltroonery; and so, when I am invited to reflect upon the beauties of Anglo-American friendship, I want, first of all, to see some evidence of its existence. If it takes two to make a quarrel, it takes the same number to make a friendship, and as regards Anglo-American relations, I must first, if you please, catch a glimpse of Uncle Sam's extended hand.

JOHN BULL AT PLAY.

RACING, FOOTBALL, BOXING AND OTHER SPORTING NOTES.

RACING.

In confirming his Two Thousand Guineas form with Paragon and Archaic, Allenby paid a big compliment to Tetratema's Derby prospects. Mr. Walter Raphael's colt may not have beaten his rivals with the same celerity as in the Guineas, an explanation of this being that both Paragon and Archaic have reported as much improvement as Linton's charge. We do not agree with those whose contention it is that Allenby was not as good on the Newmarket Stakes day as he was on the occasion of his previous outing. At a mile, Allenby would have beaten his rivals twice as far, which redounds to the credit of Tetratema. It was when Allenby had reached the length of his tether that he put back his ears—and come a spell of drought and hard going, it will favour the Stockbridge trained colt better than Allenby.

Archaic's Progress.

Archaic is making a lot of advancement and by St. Leger time he and Polumetis will probably be disputing the highest three-year-old honours on the classic Doncaster course. Lord Derby's colt, with another fortnight's work would have been making it exceedingly interesting for Allenby; he, however, requires more riding than Colling can render him. Archaic hung to the right so much in last Wednesday's race as to knock Polumetis "up in the air." The clock may refute any argument that Allenby does not stay. Nevertheless, we may find both Archaic and Polumetis last out the Derby distance quite as well.

Epsom Peculiarities.

On make and shape, Lord Londonderry's Polumetis is not ideal for the Epsom course, though good horses go on all courses. Tetratema's terrific speed will stand him in good stead, and speed is often as big a factor at Epsom as stamina. If only Archaic hardens up on his work next week, he may come well into the Derby argument, when finally we sum up the situation, we shall make a clear selection between Tetratema and Archaic. There is, however, no disguising the amount of reflected credit which Spion Kop gets as a consequence of the brave show Paragon made against Allenby. If the Derby is run for speed, then Tetratema will gain the honours; if for stamina, then Spion Kop appeals.

A "Trespasser" Tip.

Trespasser acquitted himself creditably enough in the "Jubilee" to give him an excellent chance of winning the Salisbury Cup this week. The slippery nature of the going at Kempton suited him no better than it did Ugly Duckling. The latter is an assured winner of one of the season's big handicaps, while King John may be up to Manchester Cup form, as the latter had all the worst of the luck in the "Jubilee."

Our Great Derby Competition.

To test the racing skill of our readers, we are offering a prize of £1,000, which *must be won*, for placing the first four horses or for the next best coupon received. No reader should miss this remarkable affair. There is no entrance fee. Coupon and full particulars on page iii. of cover.

BILLIARDS.

From the beginning of the season, JOHN BULL has marked out Willie Smith as the new billiards champion. It will be Tom Newman's turn next year.

H. W. Stevenson is about to sail for South Africa, where he will renew acquaintance with Charles Harverson, who was so popular. There were many regrets when this gentleman professional quitted English billiards and "went home." Harverson is now the South African champion and Stevenson's offer of 2,500 start in 18,000 up, strikes one as over-generous.

LAWN TENNIS.

It is rumoured:

That "Boy" Norton, of the South African team, is a potential champion.

That the average overhead play in English lawn tennis is as sloppy as a poached egg.

That the new National ground will be at Raynes Park or Wimbledon Park, with the betting on the former.

That Miss Ryan has a chance of beating Mdlle. Lenglen at Wimbledon.

That Miss M. Bersey, Miss W. A. Ingram, Miss P. L. Howkins, Miss Mercer and Miss Shepperd are young players who will make their mark.

That "P. A. T. Ball," who appeared on the Roehampton programme is a near relative to "O. N. E. More," "A. N. Other" and "D. Itto."

WEEK'S RACING SELECTIONS.

YORK—WEDNESDAY.
Home Bred Plate—*GOLDENDALE.
Sledmere Handicap—MARL.
Rockingham Handicap—NANT COCH.
Voltigeur H'cap—SOUVIENS TOI.

BATH—WEDNESDAY.
Somersetshire Stakes—SNOWHILL.
Weston Stakes—*BAYONNE.
Beaufort Welter—BLACK JESS.

DONCASTER—THURSDAY.
Zetland Plate—VELVET GLOVE.
Three-Year-Old H'cap—*MARCIA.
Hopeful Stakes—PHOEBE'S.

DONCASTER—FRIDAY.
Scurry Handicap—WODEN.
Chesterfield Plate—WILDFELLOW.
Fitzwilliam Stakes—NIGHT BELL COLT.

SALISBURY—THURSDAY.
Wiltshire Plate—*RAMBODA.
Stewards' Plate—VERTIGO.
City Bowl—CLARITY.

SALISBURY—FRIDAY.
Maiden Plate—DISSOLVED.
Salisbury Cup—TRESPASSER.
Foal Stakes—*CAMBRIC COLT.

WINDSOR—SATURDAY.
Royal Windsor Handicap—DUNKIRK.
Romney Welter—*ROCKLOW.
Slough Plate—RIZZIO.

BOXING.

No boxer has ever had the indulgence of the sporting public more than Bombardier Billy Wells, and no boxer has failed so badly. And yet we suppose, with a couple of "easy" wins again to his credit, he will once more be hailed by the ever-forgiving English public, and will again be their "idol." As a "white hope" we long ago expressed the frank opinion that he was not the man for the job, and his signal defeat by Beckett last week must fully convince our readers that championship honours can never be his.

Brawn and Brains.

If he ever had any chance against Beckett—and we do not think he had—he certainly threw it away by adopting entirely wrong tactics. It is brains that makes the master, and experts were dumbfounded when they early realised that Beckett not only had the brawn but also the brains. If Georges Carpentier's tip to "Billie" was to go in and make a fight of it—well, it was tactics that Carpentier himself would not have employed. If Georges had done it at the Stadium last December, we dare venture a wager that Joe would have put him to sleep in much the same manner as he did Wells. The Bombardier was certainly not disgraced in one respect; he showed greater determination than ever before, but it seemed to us that he sacrificed his cleverness for it.

Wells's Bad Tactics.

His policy should have been to box Beckett, *and to show determination in so doing*. That has all along been the writing on the wall. But for reasons best known to himself he deliberately chose to fight the swarthy "Squire of Southampton." It was playing right into Beckett's hands, and an early end in exactly the same way as it terminated was foreseen by us before the first half-minute, and promptly acted upon, with monetary advantage to ourselves. As a matter of fact, Beckett showed himself far and away the better boxer. In this respect he was fully fifty per cent. improved over the man he was against Dick Smith. There was one occasion when Wells had his chance, and had he accepted it and followed up an advantage which came his way following some fierce infighting, Beckett would certainly not have won in the third round as he did. With Dempsey practically out of "court," there is no reason why Carpentier should not meet Joe again—unless he can fix up a meeting with "Flashlight" Fulton.

HOCKEY.

Hockey players everywhere were distressed to hear of the death of A. G. Powell, the old Western Counties player and international goalkeeper. Powell "did his bit" in the war, like most hockey players.

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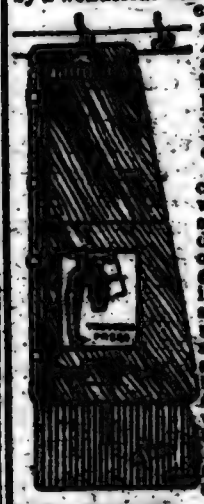

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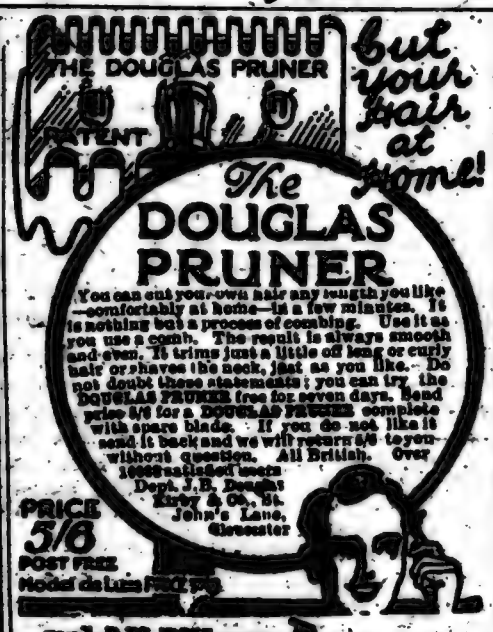
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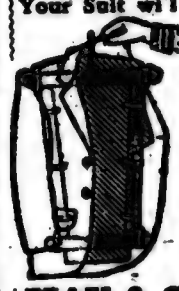

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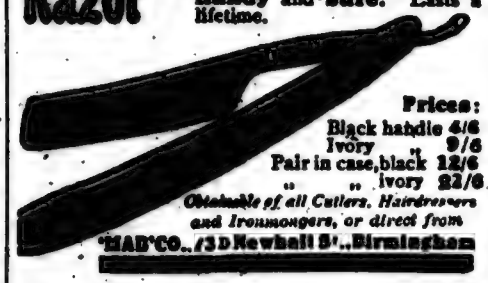

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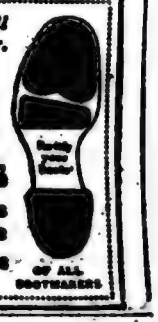

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"TOMMY."

Trouble in Turkey:—The 2nd Battalion of the Royal Scots Fusiliers in Constantinople seems to be in a bad way, as we are told that even the Turks open their mouths in amazement when they see the vast numbers of men on defaulters' parade. There must be something wrong somewhere.

Cutting Down:—The widow and her kiddies are to suffer. An Army Order has appeared ordaining that, in future, when a husband and father dies while with the Colours, the separation allowance to his family will be continued for four weeks instead of the 26 which was formerly the rule. Poor widows and orphans! But *they* do not run a Slough.

Tommy's Holiday:—An Army Order has been issued announcing that there will be no training for the Reserve either this or next year. So the public welcome the economy, and the Reserve the Order!

The Schoolmaster Abroad:—Is an R.A.F. corporal not supposed to hold a certificate of education? One of the tribe in Beds. has issued the following Order:—"Notice—It has been bought to notice that some of the boys has not being !ableing their washing correctly this practice must cease herewith in future washing must be labeld as follows," etc. Clear as mud!

The King's Recognition:—His Majesty, in recognition of the excellent work performed by the Army Pay Department and the Army Pay Corps during the war, has been pleased to approve of those bodies being in future designated "Royal." A well-deserved tribute to General Sir John Carter and his fine staff.

"JACK."

Pay Up!—In December last the officers and crew of H.M. Submarine E. 14 were awarded a large prize bounty for sinking a Turkish transport in the Sea of Marmora, and the formal decree was issued on Feb. 3. The three officers and 27 men concerned are, however, still waiting for their money from the Accountant-General.

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Our Daily "Thank You."

From J. W. C., Chatham.

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Their Way and Ours:—An ex-Sapper wrote to the Service paper named after his rank, putting a simple question concerning his medal—to be told that they did not keep an inquiry office, information being published in the *Sapper* for the benefit of subscribers only. The man sent the reply to us, and we put him on the right track.

How it is Done:—Some months ago a discharged man made an application for a grant from the King's Fund. Referred to Altenberg Gardens, Battersea, he was given a number of forms to fill. After the usual delay, the Gardens authority instructed him to go to Cedars Road, Clapham. There he filled up more forms. After further delay he was requested to get two references. Then a longer wait and yet another application—only to be told that the Fund had been closed on March 31st. A lesson in the ways of our highly-paid Government Departments!

Our Advice:—Will applicants for help from the Civil Liabilities Fund take our advice and close their ears to the assurances by the local Committees that their cases are in order and they will receive the money? We daily receive letters from those who listen to this blarney, and are afterwards told that their cases have been turned down by headquarters. Some have even borrowed money on the strength of the assurances given, and are now distressed debtors. Put not your faith in princes—nor in the fair promises of the local Committees.

"The Greatest of These—"

(All expenses of the administration of the Fund are gladly borne by us.)

"Who Will Not Work," &c.:—We notice the growing number of cases in which applicants tell us that they have been offered employment, but refused it owing to the insignificant wages attached to the job—at the same time usually stating that they have to resort to the pawnshop and are actually starving. Our fund having fallen so low, we cannot help such cases, owing to the many applications from family men who cannot obtain work at any price.

Among the numerous cases we assisted during the week were the following:—

A Sad Dilemma:—A soldier died recently, leaving a widow, the pair having lived on the man's pension. As he did not die as a result of wounds or illness contracted during military service, the pittance was cut off after a few weeks, and the poor woman—who is not strong and cannot work—was left to sink or swim.

Tommy's Troubles:—A soldier lying in hospital was summoned for rent. To make matters worse, his wife is about to be confined. The condition of that household can well be imagined. Fortunately the disabled hero thought of us—we could throw out the life-belt to many more if we had the funds.

A Stricken Family:—An ex-soldier, his wife, and two children were simultaneously stricken with influenza. The man earns but little when in employment, and naturally the wolf was at the door. We did our part to keep him away.

A Sheer Hulk:—Having served a long term at sea, a bluejacket was "discharged to shore," and is now, at 75, an old-age pensioner. He is naturally in frail health, and asked us to heave him a line—which we did.

MIGHT HAVE STARVED.

(A case typical of the many of distress and hardship which have been relieved by our Fund during the week.)

Under existing Police Regulations, the widow of an officer killed on duty or dying from the effects of injuries received is granted a pension in the neighbourhood of 10s. weekly; but this provision does not apply to those whose widowhood commenced before the present rules were framed. The result in some cases has been that the widows of men whose lives were sacrificed in the service of their fellows, as truly as the soldiers on the battlefield, have eked out the remainder of their days in grinding poverty. One poor fellow was injured in the course of a "suffragette" disturbance three years before the war, never regaining his strength, and being incapacitated from work until his death in 1919. There was no pension for the widow, although she was in desperate need—suffering, it appears, from a diseased knee-joint, which made work a torture, and later an utter impossibility, except at fatal risk. An application to the police authorities resulted in an *ex-gratia* payment of £5 in a single lump sum and an allowance of 6s. weekly in respect of an ailing child, this latter sum having at times represented the total income of the unhappy pair. Quite recently, our attention having been drawn to the case by a sympathetic neighbour, we found them living in one room—the mother in anguish of mind, because at last, from sheer necessity, she had been driven to the pawnbroker—weeks having passed since either had tasted a hot meal. Arrangements have now been made for the child's admission to a Convalescent Home, but an outfit is necessary, and the widow's need is desperate. Gladly would we increase the grant we have been able to make from our "Greatest of These" Fund.

[The object of our Fund is to relieve (a) the dependents of our Soldiers and Sailors, and (b) suffering amongst the poor generally. No genuine appeal is ever refused, and although we see to it that adequate proof is presented in every case relieved, no harassing or degrading questions are put to applicants. Will you please help?]

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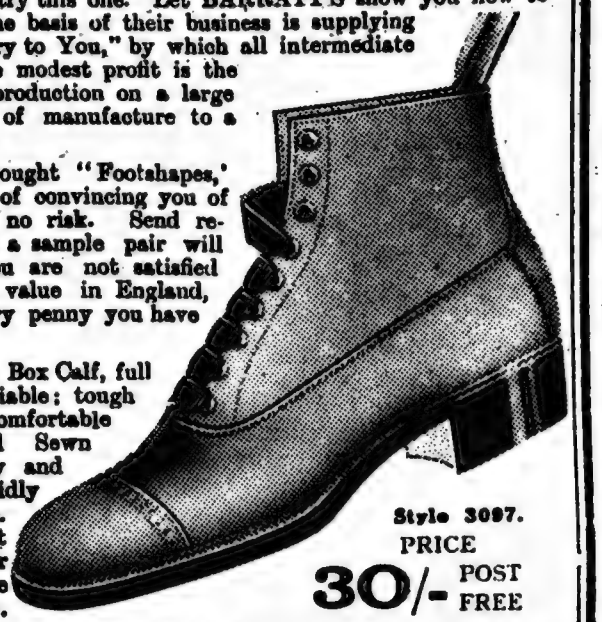

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FINANCIAL NOTES—AND ADVICE TO INVESTORS.

By OUR CITY EDITOR.

Crown *versus* Common Sense.

It would be necessary to travel back into quite ancient history to find a time when the Crown met with so many deadly rebuffs in the Courts of Law as it has done recently. The latest case is that of De Keyser's Hotel, in which both the rights of the subject and the British sense of justice were vitally at stake. De Keyser's Hotel, like many others, was hard hit at the beginning of the war, and was forced into the hands of a receiver for the debenture-holders. In this derelict condition it seemed a very suitable victim for the operations of "Dora"; it was almost helpless, and there would be no fight in it. So it was commandeered as the headquarters of a section of the Air Force, and the receiver was told that if he went to the War Losses Committee as a suppliant for charity, he might get a trifling dole by way of solatium.

Justice, not Charity.

He demanded proper compensation and, being refused, entered proceedings against the Crown. Now it happened that about this time there was a somewhat similar case before the Courts, in connection with the requisitioning of a piece of land for military purposes, and judgment had been obtained in the Court of Appeal in favour of the Crown. When this case reached the House of Lords it was hurriedly settled and hushed up, so that the decision of the Court of Appeal should stand and be binding on all lower Courts. However, the proprietors of De Keyser's were not to be so easily daunted. They were beaten at first instance, but won handsomely in the Court of Appeal, which by this time had come to its senses.

A Needed Rectification.

Ultimately, the case reached the Lords, where a unanimous verdict has been given in favour of the Company. There is only one satisfaction to be got out of the squalid story and the money that has been squandered over it. The highest tribunal in the realm has laid it down definitely and unequivocally that, while the Crown has the power to requisition the property of the subject, it must pay proper compensation—not as a matter of grace but of right. Any other decision would have been an outrage on justice.

Passive Resistance.

Nothing definite has so far transpired as to the reception which the new Treasury Bonds have met with, but there are indications that it has not been particularly cordial. Leading financial houses are adopting a policy of passive resistance until the Government gives evidence of being converted to genuine economy, and the public generally are either well loaded up with securities of sorts, or are quite apathetic.

Private Enterprise the Remedy.

It is argued with a good deal of obvious plausibility that it is no use lending the Government any more money as it will simply be squandered. The Housing campaign, too, seems to have fallen rather flat. That is a pity, for the need is most urgent, but here also there is a certain amount of justifiable distrust owing to official interference and red-tape, and as I said in connection with the Pemberton-Billing Economic Homes, Ltd., the real solution will probably be found in private enterprise. If builders had been allowed a free hand the problem would now have been in a fair way of solution.

Fine Cotton Spinners.

Although the market was disappointed in its expectations of a share bonus, the results for the past year are better than the most sanguine expectations. Net profits are nearly doubled at £1,070,000, after providing for excess duty, which must amount to a big sum, and they are £380,000 larger than the previous high record reached in the year to March 31, 1908. The dividend is raised from 12 per cent. to 20 per cent., after placing £200,000 against £100,000 to reserve, and the carry-forward is £170,000 up at £360,000. But instead of a bonus distribution, holders are offered one new share at 30s. for every two held, and as the price has settled down at a fraction over four, there is a nice little plum for them. And yet some people are not satisfied.

Wall Paper Bonus.

Rumours of a share bonus by the Wall Paper Manufacturers are set at rest by the announcement that the capital is to be increased by £641,000 by capitalising part of the reserves, which will give one bonus share for every two held. When the distribution is made the shares, on the basis of the present price, will be only about 16s. apiece, and as the last dividend was 10 per cent. they will look cheap, although it is not certain that this rate can be maintained on the increased issue. The outlook, however, is promising, with a large number of new houses being built and vast arrears of redecorations to be made up. Of course, paper is dear, but the increased cost can always be passed on to the consumer.

(Financial Letter Bag is unavoidably held over.)

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The Secretary (Mr. John Gardiner, A.C.A.), having read the notice convening the meeting,

Sir Edward M. Mountain (chairman and managing director), who presided, said in the course of his speech to the shareholders: It has been my privilege to address you on similar occasions, and I have been able to place before you accounts which, I think, gave satisfaction. This year I am pleased to tell you that the Company has made great progress and at the same time very materially strengthened the already strong position it has held in the past. The year under review for a company with the history of the Eagle, Star and British Dominions was a quiet one as regards the absorption of other companies, but we have been steadily consolidating the business of companies acquired in former years with, I think, excellent results. An opportunity presented itself to us, however, of acquiring the Liverpool Reversionary Co., and this has been done upon terms which, I am satisfied, will be to our mutual interests. This is the only absorption I have to report to you.

Turning to the accounts of the Marine Department, you will see that our premium income for the year is £1,503,829, which is a decrease of £172,078 from last year. After paying all expenses and making provision for income tax, Excess Profits duty, and loss on realisation of securities, we are able out of this account to transfer £300,000 to reserve and £17,500 to the investment reserve fund, making a total of £317,500. Having allocated these amounts we are able to carry forward £1,103,858, or 73 per cent. of the premium income, against a carry forward last year of 67.8 per cent.

Very substantial progress has been made under the heading of the Fire and General account, which embraces all transactions outside Marine and Life business. The premium income, £1,214,688, shows an increase of £305,447 over last year's figures. We are pursuing the same care in the selection of our business that has characterised it from the outset, and once again we come out with a very satisfactory loss ratio—namely, 45.11 per cent.

After referring to the establishment of Branches in Belgium, to the Company's Women's Insurance section, the Employers' Liability business, and the Motor Department, Sir Edward Mountain said: Turning now to the Life Department, there is reason to congratulate ourselves on the results attained. In the year 1919 we issued 9,420 policies insuring a gross sum of £3,078,697, of which £285,580 was reassured, leaving a net amount of £2,793,117, which compares with £1,600,450 for the year 1918.

Your Directors feel justified in recommending a dividend of 30 per cent. free of income tax on the Ordinary shares, which you will be asked in due course to confirm. The Chairman concluded by moving the adoption of the report and accounts.

The Deputy-Chairman (Mr. J. Douglas Watson, F.I.A., F.A.S.) seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

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[*The EDITOR replies to, and chats with, some of his numerous correspondents.*]

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C. C. (Leominster).—"Stop all pensions, doles, and gratuities being sent from England to Ireland till law and order are restored." Another injustice to Sisther Erin!

"IN CONFIDENCE" (London, S.E.).—We agree with you that charity begins at home. It certainly ought not to begin in Germany and Austria.

E. F. M. (Manchester) and OTHERS.—The Victory Bond Club is quite distinct from the Thrift Prize Bond Club. The former is concerned with British War Loans, its offices being at 26, King Street, St. James's, S.W.1—whilst the latter operates in French Premium Bonds, its offices being at 10, Rue du Quatre Septembre, Paris—but the Editor is President of both Clubs.

C. C. (Quebec).—"Good bye, good luck and God bless you!" from "one of the First Canadian Contingent" gets down to our marrow. Same to you, old son—bar the good bye. "Say au revoir," etc.

J. H. (Nottingham).—"I don't know how you Members of Parliament can sit in your chairs comfortably, sent to Parliament to pass good laws and cut out bad. . . . Where do they expect to go to when they die?" But we don't sit in chairs.

A. M. B. (Finchley), *re* our Pankhurst letter, says to reflect on "those two women who fought such a restrained fight" is a low-down stunt. He seems to take a low-down view of restraint.

W. S. (North Shields).—We are puzzled by your suggestion that M.P.s should sit "at the foot of the Nelson Column," instead of at Westminster. But the seats would be no harder than at St. Stephen's.

D. H. (Gravesend).—"I do admire your tenacity of purpose." We stick like glue.

A. R. (Newcastle).—"It is an irrefutable, unassailable, incontestable, incontrovertible fact that the world is proceeding towards destitution because its birth-rate exceeds the death-rate." In which direction are you prepared to assist?

J. T. W. (Manchester).—"In 1915-16 church organisations and municipalities found homes for Belgians all right. Why can't they find them for our returned fighting men?" That's an idea, anyway.

MRS. M. (Tunbridge Wells).—"Instead of the proposed conscription of wealth, would not a tax on employees be the lesser of two evils? Not only domestic servants, but clerks, factory hands, miners, etc." Madam, you remind us of the Scotsman who "joked with difficulty."

"A COLONIAL OF 20 YEARS."—We shall have to keep our eye on Mr. Theodore, Premier of Queensland, if, as you say, he is coming "home" to borrow money of us "innocent lambs." His recent unconstitutional political action will not facilitate a loan.

"A WORKING MAN" (Harrogate).—As you truly remark, when Germany conquered France in 1870, she got a big indemnity in addition to Alsace and Lorraine. But we, having beaten the Huns (*pace* the Yankees), get what the office parrot calls "dam all."

E. K. (Knutsford).—"Give us an article on the present bread scandal." Probably we shall have to garner three world-harvests before we are normal.

"THE FRIEND" (Cockermouth).—We hardly share your regret at the extinguishing of Mr. E. D. "Morel" and his Union of Democratic Control. The Peace Conference muddled things quite enough without any help from these poisonous cranks.

E. B. W. (Notting Hill Gate).—Your detailed revenue suggestions are interesting, but perhaps, on the whole, your better plan would be to approach Mr. Chamberlain with an offer to re-draft his Budget.

E. C. C. (Tiverton).—Whoever told you we were offering prizes for pennies with a small "h" on them was indulging in a giddy flight of high romance.

"EX-SOLDIER" (Aldersgate Street, E.C.).—It is not correct to say that the British newspapers originated the phrase "too proud to fight." It was first used by President Wilson.

"READER" (Audenshaw).—Sorry we don't know any benevolent person who will give you £50, "the only hope of any reward accruing" being the approval of Providence.

"UNMARRIED MOTHER."—We cannot interest ourselves in anonymous statements, especially when they adversely affect others.

"AMERICAN-ENGLISH" (Norfolk, Virginia).—No doubt American women take better care of their teeth. But English women in that respect are improving; and as for beauty and complexion, they undoubtedly take the palm.

V. E. P. (Romford).—"I'll do anything on earth to help England's progress; can you find me a job?" You should define your qualifications more exactly.

J. H. (Baltonsboro').—"I'm glad to say my back is getting a little broader every day." Trust your mind is keeping pace with it.

W. J. S. (National Gas Council) tells us that the Petworth Gas Co., which we quoted as charging 12s. 6d. per 1,000 ft., has made "no profit," but for five years has made a loss. We are still sorry for Petworth gas-consumers.

"OLD STAGER" (Brixton).—We quite agree—now that Mr. Charles Palmer, M.P., is representing the Actors' Association in the House—proprietors of insanitary theatres must look out.

"LONDONER."—"The sculptured archer on the new County Hall is holding his bow in his right hand." Paradoxical as it may appear, this proves the poor fellow was left-handed.

D. P.—"The weekly commentary in your excellent paper is jolly fine." You're another.

H. G. N. (Peckham Rye).—You cannot expect us to "have something to say" when you do not "say" your name and address.

L. W. (Ramsgate).—A small tax on bicycles might bring in a couple of millions or so, but nothing in any way approaching the amount of the late bread subsidy.

"AN OVERBURDENED READER" (Swindon).—"I do not sign for obvious reasons." The reasons are not obvious to us, so there is nothing doing.

R. B. (Glasgow).—Even in these days we consider that "a gallon of beer and a bottle of whisky" amount to quite a decent gargle.

"ARDENT READER."—It is evident from your tables that the average shop-assistant is earning a good deal less than the average railwayman. And no tips!

E. C. B. (Ventnor) has kindly sent us an autograph letter of the late John Bright, dated Oct. 27, '53, which he wishes us to sell for the benefit of our "Greatest of These" Fund. Any offers?

"READER" (Croydon).—So you think the vile massage establishments we have exposed are "a benefit to society." Looks as though your morals need a spring-clean.

M. F. C. (Romford).—We should much like to print the poem "Homage to Kitchener" which at the suggestion of Sir George Arthur you "offer to JOHN BULL, the paper so much read in the Services," but unfortunately considerations of space forbid.

MRS. N. G. (Neasden).—In declining to pay threepence for toilet accommodation you were taking your stand on a "principle as sound as Magna Charta."

"PENSIONER" (W. Croydon).—"Is it not time the pre-war pensions of asylum officers were supplemented?" It is time the pre-war pensions of everybody were supplemented.

"LIVERPUDLIAN" (Liverpool).—"Old soldiers have no Union, They are comrades of the war, Their Union is the workhouse When their fighting days are o'er, And the land that's fit for heroes, *Vide* the great Lloyd G., Is a gas stunt ten times worse Than Asquith's wait and see." Partake of one bun.

"SUFFERER" (London).—There are several hundred better ways of spending forty-eight shillings than on buying bottles of quack consumption cures.

A. M. B. (East Newton, Fife).—Just as we thought that we had understood your arithmetic, the Government clapped another 14s. 2d. a ton on coal, and that did us.

MR. THOMAS WILLS (Executive Officer of the Bath City Food Control Committee) tells us that Mr. Whittington, to whom we recently addressed an Open Letter, should have been described as the Executive Officer of the Bath Rural Food Control Committee. However, as the surname was mentioned, no misapprehension could have arisen.

W. D. C. (N.W.).—H. Lewis, of Jermyn Street, is "prepared to lend you £50 to £1,000 upon your note of hand"—all "within a few hours." If you could do with a cool thou., click!

"BRIAN" (Langridge). — "Have you received any letters from me?" We receive several thousands daily. You should know if any of yours were among them.

MUS. B. (Aberlour).—"The present price of gas here is 14s. per 1,000 ft." You win so far. Next, please!

H. T. M. (Canterbury).—Yes, that's amusing. The dairy, having had its cows certified healthy, put up their milk a penny a quart. Evidently custom dropped, so the penny extra was dropped too. So mote it be!

"A READER."—We refuse to tell you of any paper that publishes matrimonial advts. Such advts. are almost always frauds.

MRS. J. B. H. (Norfolk).—"Stop denominational privilege in Public Schools . . . Does the Church feel afraid of falling that she demands us to kneel to her in particular?" How some of the Christian sects do love one another, to be sure!

"JOHN BULLION" (Ellistown).—"That little bit of yours tickled me to death." Let's have the date of the funeral and we'll send a suitable wreath.

"OXO" (Hammersmith).—One spasm: "That's why I subscribe to JOHN BULL, Who defrays the expenses in full, Giving *all* they receive, It is a treat to believe That the sick and the poor *share* the pool." Thanks for the half-dollar, which has helped us to survive the verse.

R. W. G. (North Walsham).—Provided you mean what we mean and not something else, we agree that "it is easy enough to catch a man with his rear lights out."

C. F. (Islington).—The "Spanish Prisoner" develops a most elaborate and ingenious scheme of fraud if led on by correspondence. He must find a "mug" sometimes, else the cost of paper and postage would ruin him.

A. E. M. (London, N.).—The Housing and Town Planning Trust, Limited, certainly have some face to ask premiums amounting to £1,800 on three flats to let at 41, Seymour Street, the rents thereof being respectively £400, £300, and £300 in addition. And only three bedrooms in each case!

J. E. H. (Sheerness).—Your scheme "to save all robbery" sounds rather complicated, and a bit spotty when it comes to details. Try again.

"MONEY ORDER CLERK."—Thanks for clever disquisition on the American rate of exchange. What it is to have such brainy readers!

G. E. (Finchley).—Sorry no space for observations on the Football Cup-tie, which would now be as stale as last year's almanack.

"READER" (Paddington).—We note your instructions to "show lust up more." Any special fancy?

H. W. O. (Jesmond).—"You will notice £9 a week is demanded for nine partly furnished rooms." Also that tenants are expected to share the bath.

L. S. M. (Andover).—He who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare; And he who has one enemy will meet him everywhere. Thus saith the poet.

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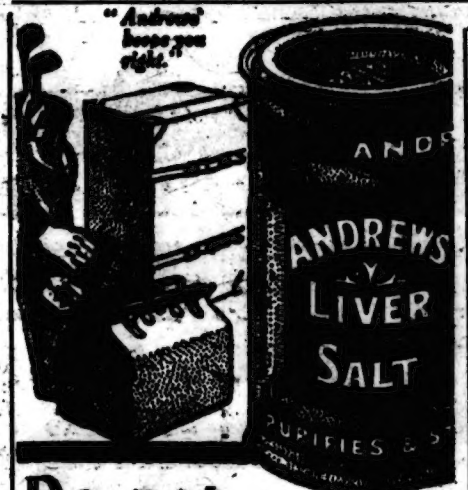
E. S. M. (Upton Park).—We note that the burglars "made sure of your JOHN BULL Pen." Probably, if the truth were known, that was what they broke in for.

R. G. (Duns).—"Here's looking at ye again." Seems as if you were playing peep-bo.

(*Many replies are unavoidably held over.*)



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Bullets' Record Holiday Offer!

50 PRIZES OF 10/- each

200 PRIZES 5/- each

SECOND £50 PRIZE

FIRST £250 PRIZE

THIRD £25 PRIZE

10 HOLIDAY PRIZES of £10 each

10 HOLIDAY PRIZES of £20 each

20 HOLIDAY PRIZES of £5 each

1,000 PRIZES of 2/6 each

5,000 TARGET PRIZES

THIS Week we are making a Record Holiday Prize Offer. In addition to a First Prize of £250, a Second of £50, and a Third of £25; Ten Holiday Prizes of £20 each, Ten Holiday Prizes of £10 each, and Twenty Holiday Prizes of £5 each MUST BE WON.

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE YOUR EXPENSES TRY "BULLETS" THIS WEEK.

HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS."

First choose any of the Thirty-two examples given below. Then give **TWO, THREE** or **FOUR** words having some bearing on the example chosen. Any **ONE** of the words selected must begin with any letter in the example chosen. The other words selected can begin with any letters in the alphabet. This example will guide you: Example: — FAIR FIGHT. Bullet:—FOR SEAT IN PARLIAMENT. Competitors may send in two BULLETS for sixpence. If more coupons are used, an entry fee at the rate of 6d. for each coupon must be sent. Result of this Competition will be found in our issue dated June 19th.

LIST OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 376.

WINNING THE DERBY	WHEN BOTTOMLEY RISES	VISITING IRELAND	WORKING TO RULE
LYING STILL	A MAN'S JOB	NOTICE TO QUIT	LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM
OVER THE RHINE	FETCHES THE GIRLS	HOLIDAY EXPENSES	HANDS IN POCKET
MAID OF ALL WORK	MAKES GERMANY LAUGH	WHEN FORTUNE FROWNS	VICIOUS CIRCLE
RULE, BRITANNIA	PAYING THE MINERS	SEEING THE PICTURES	NOBODY'S DARLING
LABOUR'S AMBITION	BRIGHTER OUTLOOK	BREAKING IT GENTLY	AFTER THE RACE
A FAIR KNOCKOUT	WHEN MOTHER'S OUT	TOO HAPPY FOR WORDS	COMING BACK
MODERN DRESS	GETTING HOME	IDEAL HUSBAND	GETTING SLACK

No._____ Closing Date, Thursday, June 3rd.

Example_____

Bullet

Example_____

Bullet

(376) P.O. No._____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

If 1 coupon is used P.O. for 6d. must be sent.

Signed_____

Address_____

If unable to secure extra coupons you can write your "Bullets" on plain paper.

No._____ Closing Date, Thursday, June 3rd.

Example_____

Bullet

Example_____

Bullet

(376) P.O. No._____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

If 2 coupons are used P.O. for 1/- must be sent.

Signed_____

Address_____

Envelopes should be marked "Bullets" No. 376, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

No._____ Closing Date, Thursday, June 3rd.

Example_____

Bullet

Example_____

Bullet

(376) P.O. No._____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

If 3 coupons are used P.O. for 1/6 must be sent.

Signed_____

Address_____

No._____ Closing Date, Thursday, June 3rd.

Example_____

Bullet

Example_____

Bullet

(376) P.O. No._____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

If 4 coupons are used P.O. for 2/- must be sent.

Signed_____

Address_____

Result of Competition No. 374 ("Bullets" £1,000 Offer) will be published in next week's issue.

SELECTION OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 377.

DIVORCE SUITS	NO QUESTIONS ASKED
PUBLIC FAVOURITE	IN DREAMLAND
CHEAP HOLIDAY	GOOD NIGHT
PLAYING CRICKET	REGARDLESS OF COST
FREE OF CHARGE	HAVING A SHOT
IDLE THREAT	LLOYD GEORGE THINKS
NOT WORTH WHILE	WHEN LONDON SLEEPS
MILK AND WATER	UNTOLD WEALTH
LOOKING AHEAD	HOT SPORT
DOUBLE EVENT	RING OFF

These examples can be made use of on the coupons on this page, and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY, JUNE 10th.** All coupons so used **MUST** be clearly marked with the number **377** in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. 377, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such coupons must not contain any of the Thirty-two examples for Competition 376.

BULLETS RULES.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the Judges, in consultation with the Editor, is the best "Bullet" received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.
2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.
3. All four coupons may be used, but each coupon must be accompanied by a postal order for 6d., made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed _____ and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.
4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned.
5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.
6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

THE JOHN BULL GREAT FREE FIRE INSURANCE

COVERING ALL RISKS BY FIRE TO HOME, LIFE & LIMB.

UNDER this most unique FREE INSURANCE OFFER anyone above the age of 10 can be insured irrespective of sex. The premium charged by any Fire and Accident Insurance Company to secure similar benefits would certainly exceed 5s. per annum. We offer it to you absolutely free.

We have made our insurance as simple and comprehensive as possible, and shall not bother about any "Legal representative" or "next of kin." Claims will be paid to the registered reader, who must personally sign the coupon, or to the person nominated thereon, and to no one else.

A separate coupon must be filled up in respect to each person to be insured.

This offer applies only to persons residing in, and property situated in, England, Scotland, and Wales.

The full conditions governing this scheme will be published in the first issue of each month.

WHAT WE WILL PAY:

For Damage to contents of Home by Fire up to	£200
In case of Death directly due to Fire at Registered Reader's home	£200
For the Loss of Two Limbs or Both Eyes, or One Limb and One Eye	£200
For the Loss of One Limb or One Eye ..	£100
Medical Fees for Injuries not proving fatal but incapacitating the injured person from following his or her employment, up to ..	£10
In the event of a Temporary Total Disablement up to 13 weeks..	£1 per week

ORDER FORM

TO BE RETAINED BY NEWSAGENT.

To .....
Newsagent.

Please deliver "JOHN BULL" to me regularly until further notice.

Signed .....

Address .....

May 12, 1920.

You must also fill in the Registration Form, which will be found next to this, and post it to JOHN BULL Insurance Dept., 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, where your name and the name of your nominee will be duly registered.

REGISTRATION FORM

Which must be posted to—
JOHN BULL INSURANCE DEPT., Long Acre, W.C.2.

This is to notify that I have this day placed an order for the regular weekly supply of JOHN BULL with

.....Newsagent, of

.....

and desire you to register me as a regular subscriber under the terms of your Insurance Scheme.

In the event of my being injured or killed, or of my home or its contents being damaged, I hereby nominate to receive any payment due under this insurance, first myself, or in the event of my death:—

Name of Nominee .....

Address.....

Signature of Insured.....
(Mr., Mrs., or Miss)

Home Address.....

May 22, 1920. .....

To remain qualified for the benefits, readers must continue to have "John Bull" regularly supplied to them.

Enclose 1d. stamp if an acknowledgment of receipt of Registration Form is required.

YOU NEED A HOLIDAY — LET "BULLETS" PAY FOR IT!

HUGE DERBY PRIZE—NO ENTRANCE FEE

£1,000 MUST BE WON for NAMING FIRST FOUR HORSES in THE DERBY or NEXT BEST COUPON

This Week we are offering the huge Prize of £1,000 for naming the first four horses in the Derby, or for the next best Coupon received. Remember, there is NO ENTRANCE FEE and £1,000 MUST BE WON in any event. All you have to do is to write on the Coupon below the names of the horses you think will finish 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively.

LIST OF POSSIBLE STARTERS.

ABBOT'S TRACE	EIGHTH DIVISION	MARGERO	SCRAMUS
ALDER	FIREWORK	MARSHAL NEIL	SORREL
ALDERSEY	GATTAMELATA	MESSINA	SPEARWORT
ALLENBY	GLEN EAGLE	MIGHTY POWER	SPION KOP
ARCHAIC	GOLDEN GUINEA	ORPHEUS	SPRIG OF ORANGE
ATTILIUS	GREAT FUN	PALADIN	STEDANDA
BANTRY	GREAT JOY	PELOPS	SURCOAT
BRUCE LODGE	GREAT SEAL	POLTAVA	SVENGALI
CALIGULA	GREEK VINE	POLUBETIS	SWYNDERN
CALLAGHAN	HERODIADA	POLYDIPSIA	TEA TRAY
CAMARALZAMAN	HE GOES	POLYDOR	TETRATEMA
CELESTRIAL	INDIAN GAUZE	PONTELAND	TETRAMSTER
CHARLEBELLE	JOHN ASTUTE	PRIMUM BOND	TREDENNOCK
CHARLIE WISE	KERASOS	PRINCE GALAHAY	THE O'MALLEY
CHRYSOPOLIS	KING WING	RARA AVIS	THE SHARK
THE GLOWE	KIRKALLOWAY	SAINTLY SINNER	VIVALDI
DAYLIGHT PATROL	LLAMA	SARCHEDON	WIMASU
DOUBLE RED	LORD THANET	SERMENT D'AMOUR	WING COMMANDER
DYNAMO	MANTON	SILVERN	ZERBINO

This list is published for the assistance of competitors and every care has been taken to ensure its accuracy. We do not, however, guarantee that the name of every possible runner has been included. We would advise competitors to make a careful study of the racing columns in "The National News" or the "Sunday Evening Telegram" before filling up their coupons.

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

RULES (which must be strictly adhered to).

1. All attempts must be made on coupons taken from the issue of JOHN BULL and "The National News" announcing this Competition. Coupons must be written in ink, and must be filled up in accordance with the instructions given on this page.

2. The sum of £1,000 (one thousand pounds) will be paid to the sender of a coupon placing the first four horses in accordance with the official result of the Derby to be run June 2nd, 1920. If no competitor succeeds in placing the first four horses, the £1,000 will be awarded to the sender of the coupon placing the first three. If no competitor succeeds in sending a coupon with the first four or three horses, the £1,000 will be awarded to the sender of the best coupon received. In the event of a tie, or ties, the £1,000 prize will be equally divided. No competitor can receive more than one share of the £1,000.

3. No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupon. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt. No correspondence will be entered into nor will interviews be granted. Any coupon on which an alteration of any kind has been made will be disqualified.

4. Any coupons received later than Monday, May 31st, will be disqualified.

5. The Editor's decision must be accepted as final and legally binding in all matters concerning this Competition, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

This Competition is run in conjunction with "The National News."

Cut Here

Cut out Coupon neatly and address all Entries as follows: "Derby Competition, JOHN BULL, 25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C. 2." Write "Derby" in the top left-hand corner of envelope.

COMPETITORS CAN SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS THEY LIKE.

"JOHN BULL" FREE DERBY COUPON.

CLOSING DATE, MONDAY, MAY 31st.

HOW TO FILL IN THIS COUPON.

In the spaces below, opposite the words "1st," "2nd," "3rd" and "4th" respectively, **WRITE IN INK** the names of the horses you think will finish in that order.

Cut Here

1st.....

2nd.....

3rd.....

4th.....

Coupons must be cut—not torn out.

I enter "JOHN BULL" Derby Competition in accordance with the Rules and Conditions on this page, and agree to accept the Editor's decision as final and legally binding, and enter on that understanding.

Signed .....

Address.....

Derby Competition

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HAIR TINT FOR GREY OR FADED HAIR.

Tints grey or faded hair any natural shade desired — brown, dark-brown, light-brown or black. It is permanent and washable, has no grease, and does not burn the hair. It is used by over three-quarters of a million people. A Medical Certificate accompanies each bottle. Of all Chemists, Stores, and Hairdressers, 2/6 the Flask or direct from HINDES Ltd., 1, Tabernacle Street, City, London.

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Popularity is the key to the success of most undertakings, and is the reason for our increased output.

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Make £1 do the work of £2!

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COSTS ONLY 34/6

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The Sartor is the Raincoat of certain satisfaction—supplied from maker to wearer at a saving of fully 50/- on current rates.

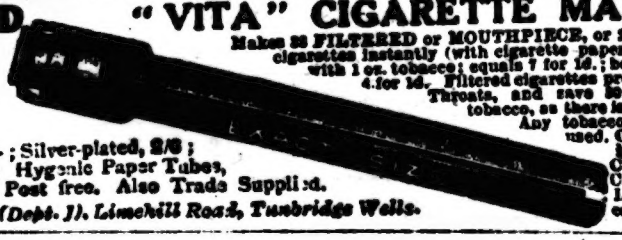
Made from fine quality Gabardine in Ladies', Maids', Gent's, and Youths' styles—and check lined throughout. Sartor Raincoats are all that could be desired in fit, finish and workmanship.

Send a postcard to-day for the Sartor Style Book and Free Patterns. Select your shade of materials from the samples. Select your style from the book, and we send your Sartor Raincoat guaranteed to satisfy or money refunded.

SARTOR MANUFACTURING CO.,
(Dept. J), 55, OXFORD RD., MANCHESTER.

A FRIEND IN NEED.

"VITA" CIGARETTE MAKER.



Makes 25 FILTERED or MOUTHPIECE, or 25 ordinary cigarettes instantly (with cigarette papers or tubes) with 1 oz. tobacco; equals 7 for 1d.; best tobacco 4 for 1d. Filtered cigarettes prevent Sore Throats, and save 50 per cent. tobacco, as there is No waste. Any tobacco can be used. Only weighs 3 oz. Fits in Cigarette Case. LADIES can use it.

Prices: Nickel, 2/-; Silver-plated, 2/6; Rolled Gold, 5/-; Hygenic Paper Tubes, 5/- 1000; 1/6 500. Post free. Also Trade Supplied.

KNIGHT'S VITA (Dept. J), Limehill Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ARE YOU NERVY?

Symptoms to Watch for.

If you are irritable you may be the last person to realise it unless you honestly examine yourself. Are you?

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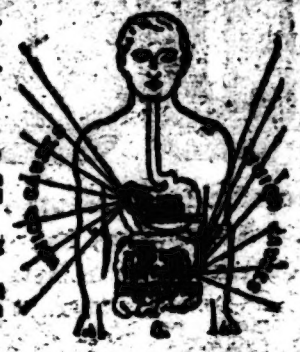

GASES in BOWEL or Flatulence.
Dull, Heavy HEADACHES.
ACID in the Blood, causing (a) Pain in Joints, (b) Rheumatism.
TONGUE coated yellow at back.
COMPLEXION muddy or pasty.
EATING distasteful or loathed. Biliousness and bad taste in mouth.
PAINS in Stomach, Griping, and CONSTIPATION with all its misery.

Thousands say, "I never feel 'fit'"; thousands more say, "I am always in pain. I have pain at the pit of the Stomach, a burning pain between the Shoulder Blades; I have pain soon after eating, or pain two hours after eating; dull pain in the head; sharp neuralgic pain in the head; muscular pain deep in the back; Sciatic nerve pain at the back of one or both thighs; and with all these pains, I have distress, misery, and weakness, which is often worse than pain."

Yet all these pains and miseries are due to the same cause as lack of fitness—that is, to INDIGESTION in Stomach and Bowel.

Those who are unfit and those who suffer the pain do not know these simple facts; they do not know how the trouble is caused; they do not know that digestion takes place chiefly in the Bowel instead of in the Stomach; and they do not understand how Indigestion must be treated if it is to be cured, and therefore do not understand why Cicfa is the only natural scientific cure.

DIGESTION begins in the mouth through the effect of the saliva upon the food; is continued in the Stomach by the Digestive Ferments, etc., which are there supplied, and completed in the Bowel by further Digestive Ferments, etc.

Indigestion starting at any one point upsets digestion elsewhere.

As Indigestion may start at any point, a remedy which can cure must contain such ingredients as are able to correct the trouble wherever it may start. It is useless therefore to take Rhubarb, or Soda, or purgatives, or mineral oils, etc., because they have *no* effect upon digestion, but only remove the undigested masses which contain the nourishment.

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The nourishment thus extracted from the food will be absorbed, and the remaining food, chiefly Starchy, will pass on through the lower end of the Stomach into the small Bowel, where the acid from the Stomach must be neutralised, and the digestion of the Starchy food commenced. As the contents move slowly downwards, this digestive process is continued.

As Digestion proceeds, the nourishment is thus extracted from the food and absorbed through the Bowel walls into the blood.

The Bile Circulation will be corrected and Fermentation will gradually cease, then there will be no "Starch Balls," nor hard masses, formed in the Bowel; no gases or Flatulence; no acrid acids or other impurities formed, but the nourishment from this Starchy food will be absorbed as the nourishment from the Albuminous food was absorbed from the Stomach.

Thus the blood will grow richer and purer; the nerve centres and tissues will be rapidly nourished, toned, producing a feeling of strength and fitness throughout the body.

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